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Many of our officers and Brother Rats here at VMI have served the country during times of war and have earned the utmost respect those of us still here in barracks.

The loss of First Sergeant Mercardante remains fresh in the minds of those who knew him. He was Honorary Brother Rat to the Class of 2007 and a highly respected and loved man and soldier. The greatest thanks is owed to him, his family, and those following in his footsteps while our nation is at war.

The 2008 Bomb is dedicated to those serving and sacrificing everything for the honor and defense of our country. Without these heros, we would not have the freedoms and security in which we live.

Molly Newton
Editor in Chief, *The Bomb* 2008



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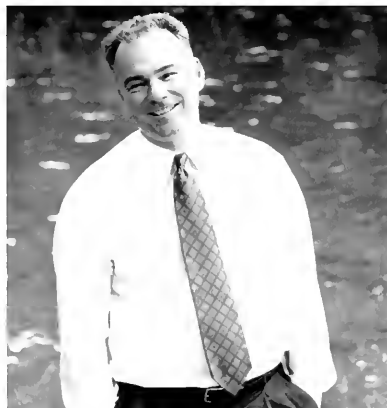
The Governor



Timothy M. Kaine
Governor of Virginia
Commander in Chief

Governor Kaine was elected to office on January 14, 2006. He has made many efforts to reform the State of Virginia by focusing on competence to excellence in education, reforming the financial accountability of Virginia's transportation infrastructure, improving health care, state-wide clean up of Virginia rivers and the Chesapeake Bay, and improving economic opportunities.

The Governor was elected the Chairman of the Southern Governor's Association in the summer of 2008.



Taken from the Governor's official web-site



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Jonathan C. Brown
S-4 Sergeant



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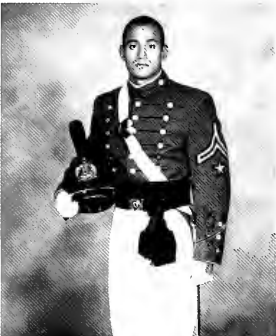
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Bridger L. Hodsden
S-7 Sergeant



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Color Sergeant



Jamie B. Fernandes
Color Sergeant



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Color Sergeant



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First Battalion



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1st Battalion S-3



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1st Battalion S-4



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1st Battalion S-5



Nathan J. Gede
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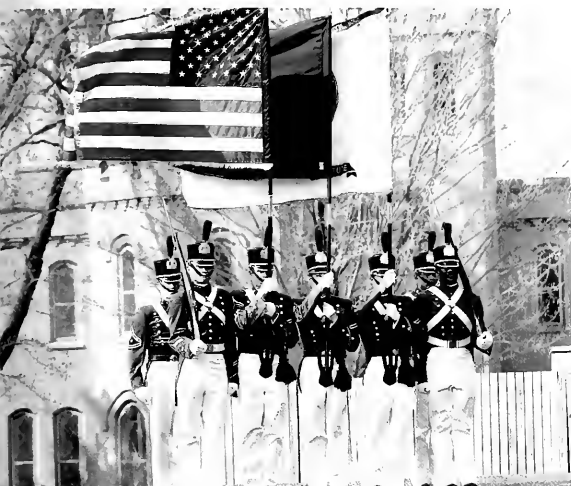
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1st BN Color Sergeant



Christopher L. Cole
1st BN Color Sergeant



William J. Ballou
1st BN Color Sergeant



Hardcore Alpha



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Jonathan R. Walaski
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2nd Platoon Lieutenant

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3rd Platoon Lieutenant

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1st Sergeant

Aaron P. Sayers
Operations Sergeant

Robert T. Blackman
Master Sergeant

Alexander F. Oliver
1st Platoon Sergeant



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Class of 2008
 Carr, Adam J.
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 Delvo, Andrew P.
 Cox, Denny J.
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 Godwin IV, Frederick D.
 Gilfrich, Kurt W.
 Hill Jr., Robert P.
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 Micka, Christian W.
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 Kingus, Ryan A.
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Class of 2009
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 Appel, Robert W.
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 Clark, Ryan J.
 deLatour, Patrick K.
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 Ellis, Frank L.
 Finger, Kevin P.
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 Morton, Jacklyn D.
 Mowatt-Larsen, Christina R.
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 Oliver, Alex F.
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 Simpson, Bradley J.
 Smith, Shannon D.
 Stafford, Kelsey L.
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 Correll, William R.
 Cox, Jonathan H.
 Craddock, Jarrett A.
 Duty, Christopher D.
 Favaro, Joshua L.
 Fendley, Robert L.
 Garrett, Davis R.
 Gross, Abram A.
 Hummer III, James R.
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 Johnson, Michael D.
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 Keeney, Franklin O.
 Knight, Conard J.
 Krieger, Scott A.
 Kunz, Carter L.
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 Matson, Nicholas B.
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 Sagar, Matthew H.
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 Whitman, Lucas M.
 Williams, James Z.
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 Beemer, Heidi D.
 Black, Adam J.
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 Bookwalter, Joshua C.
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 Brownfield, Quinn T.
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 Buell, Ryan S.
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 Estrada, Christopher R.
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 Gibbons, Gregory E.
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 Green, Adam P.
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 Register, Curtis C.
 Roberts, John S.
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 Semalulu, Daud A.
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 Sowell, Brian P.
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Bravo



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3rd Platoon Lieutenant



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 Crowder IV, John P.
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 Eggleston, Patrick O.
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 Ford, John C.
 Glomb, Matthew J.
 Hlavaty, Dana J.
 Hoyt, Tory K.
 Johnston, Christopher R.
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 Kosecki, Chelsie M.
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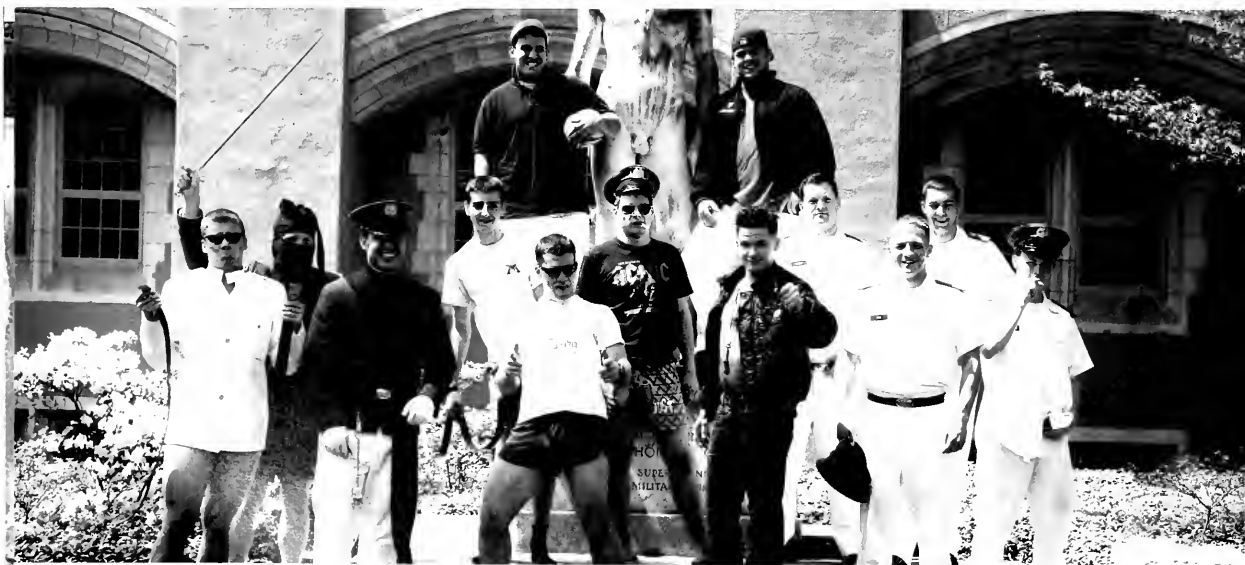
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 Wren, Robert L.

Mad Dog Delta



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Company Commander

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1st Platoon Lieutenant



Andrew J. Gay
2nd Platoon Lieutenant



Narang Choi
3rd Platoon Lieutenant

Richard H. Newkirk
1st Sergeant



Daniel Stanislawski
Operations Sergeant



Kevin C. Pelletier
Master Sergeant

Benjamin F. Kimsey
1st Platoon Sergeant





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 Woo, Paul C.
 Wright, Matthew T.
 Youngblood Jr., Bryant L.

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Anthes, Robert W.
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 Yousif, Hisham M.

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1st Platoon Lieutenant

John H. Douglas
2nd Platoon Lieutenant

Mackenzie S. Colella
3rd Platoon Lieutenant

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1st Sergeant

Michael L. Porter
Operations Sergeant

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Master Sergeant

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1st Platoon Sergeant





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 Cipperty, Erin J.
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 Douglas, John H.
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 Gonzales, Patrick E.
 Gunter, Jonathan E.
 Holt, Brian G.
 Judge, John H.
 Karlson, Michael K.
 Kozikowski, Nicole G.
 Kunert, Justin K.
 Larson, Lynn M.
 Lingamfelter, John S.
 Lohr, Christoph
 Martin, Bryant J.
 McCall, Nathan A.
 Mills, Stephanie A.
 Newton, Molly E.
 Nikiforakis, John P.
 Orzechowski, Nicholas P.
 Ostermann, Jonathan P.
 Pettengill, Jason B.
 Stull, Walter A.
 Watts II, Albert D.

Class of 2009

Anderson, Joshua N.
 Baker, Domanique R.
 Beard, Andrew J.

Bradley, Matthew A.
 Briski, Jacqueline M.
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 Collie, Jacob S.
 Costello, Ian R.
 Craig, Andrew P.
 Donovan, Patrick W.
 Doseff, Alexander I.
 Frizzell, William R.
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 McGann, Michael P.
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 Nelson, Chase W.
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 Saragnese, Peter D.
 Seidl, Kurt J.
 Stauffer, Thomas B.
 Tammelin, Justin S.
 Tarbona, Alexa C.
 Tucker, Tyler W.
 White, Barrett C.

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 Babcock, Matthew S.

Bloomstrom, Karsten G.
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 Brown, Donte D.
 Bryant, Joshua M.
 Burleson, James A.
 Cauley, Stephen R.
 Delo, Scott J.
 Dixon, Caleb C.
 Griffith, James G.
 Halnon, Rachel E.
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 Hussmann, Ross W.
 Leach, Christopher M.
 Martin, Christopher R.
 Mawyer, Matthew W.
 Messick, Mitchell K.
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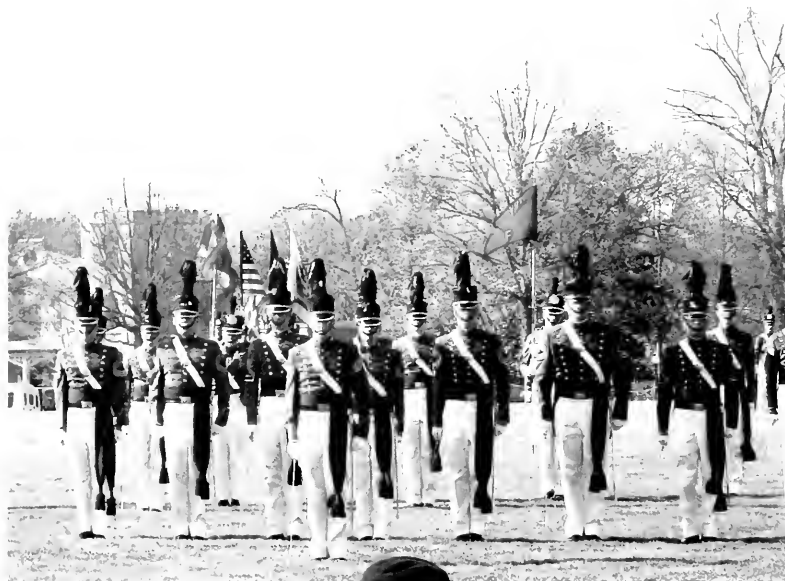
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Second Battalion



Allan J. Fortier
2nd Battalion Commander



Jonathan D. Roland
2nd BN Executive Officer

Zachary C. Carmen
2nd Battalion S-1

Benjamin P. Switzer
2nd Battalion S-2

Kellan S. Travis
2nd Battalion S-3



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2nd Battalion S-4

Jonathan F. Schmidt
2nd Battalion S-5

Nicholas S. Wegener
2nd Battalion S-6

Hung-Ruei Chen
2nd Battalion S-7

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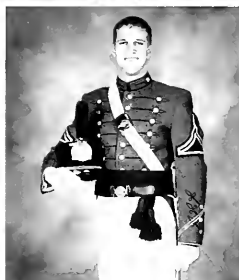
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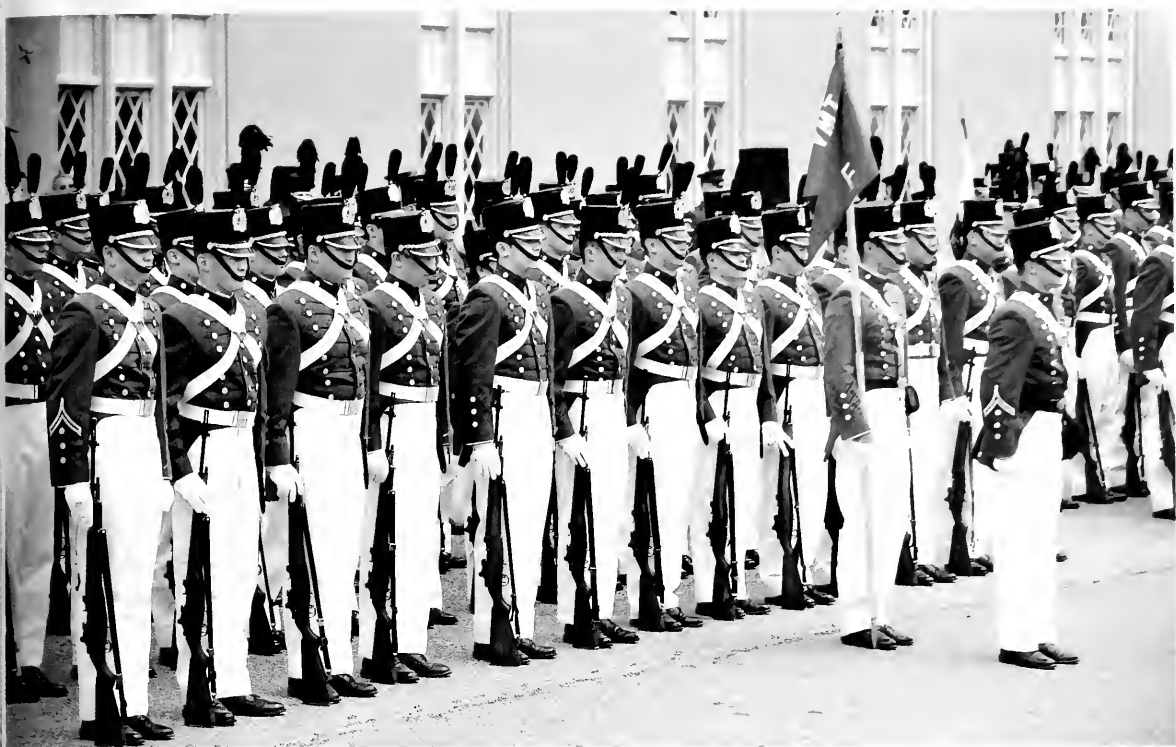


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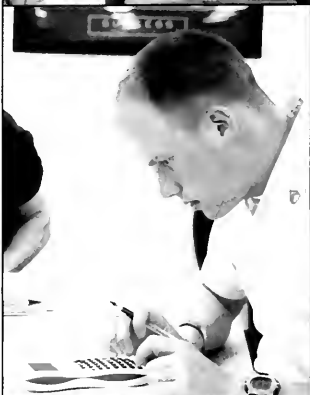
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The 2007-2008 Honor Court of the Virginia Military Institute is composed of five first classmen and five second classmen. These ten cadets bear the responsibility of guarding the most precious aspect of VMI, the Honor Code. The Court is responsible for not only educating the Corps, but also investigating honor violations and adjudicating Honor Court trials. All members have been voted into their positions, and entrusted by their peers to uphold the standard of honor that generations of VMI cadets have lived by since this school's beginning.

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The Officer of the Guard Association of the Virginia Military Institute is the investigative arm of the General Committee. The OGA is tasked with enforcing the Institute regulations regarding sexual misconduct, alcohol misuse, hazing, and any other offense deemed necessary by the General Committee or Commandant's Staff. To ensure fair judgment and impartial punishment, the OGA is solely comprised of First Class Privates. Upon the acceptance of guilt during a preliminary hearing or the verdict of guilty before the Executive Committee, the guilty party receives the punishment deemed appropriate by their peers.

Along with being the investigative arm of the General Committee, the OGA also serves as the voice of the privates. It works with the other organizations and the regimental system to ensure that the views and the opinions of the privates are heard. Without the privates in the Corps, there is no Corps.

By successfully performing the duties above, the OGA accomplishes its mission: to protect and inform cadets, while upholding the standards of the Corps.

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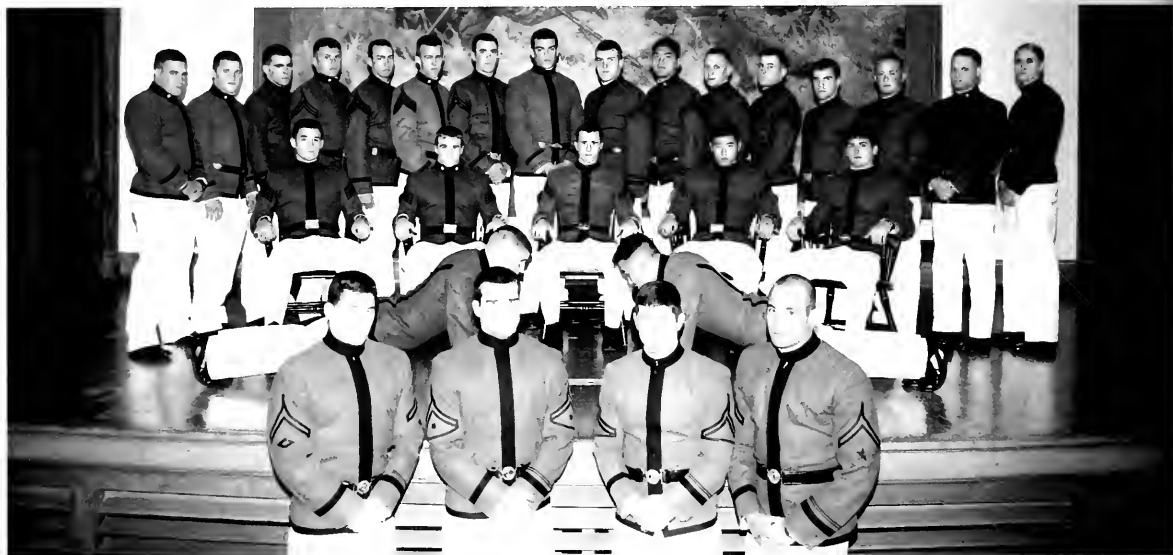
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The Rat Disciplinary Committee for the 2007- 2008 year was composed of twenty two First Class members, nominated by their classmates, as well as four Second Class members who had been appointed to the job. The members are responsible for transforming the Rats, through the semester and year into a class. The RDC is key to the development of the Rats, as well as enforcing the standards set for them by the preceeding classes. Most importantly, this year's RDC was responsible for the planning and development for a new, meaningful Breakout.

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The Cadet Equity Association is responsible for keeping an equitable environment for cadets at VMI through the use of training sessions in addition to investigations. The CEA is separate from the general Committee and report directly to the Superintendent. They are a cadet body of the Training and Investigations Office and are comprised of both first and second classmen. The committee must educate the Corps in topics such as sexual harassment and to prevent these cases from arising. If a case arises and requires an investigation, it is conducted by the cadets who work to gather information as facts through interviews. The CEA is the newest addition to the cadet run organizations which supports the idea that the Cadets are in charge and in control of the Corps.

Cadre 2007 - 2008



Cadre is comprised of the highest ranking cadets in each company and staff. These cadets have distinguished themselves in all aspects of the VMI system. They epitomize the attributes we expect of every cadet; high standards of personal conduct, morality, civility; honor and military skills. Cadre is responsible for training and molding their RATS into the model cadets we expect them to be over the next four years. Everything a RAT must know and learn, Cadre is there to teach them. Cadre teaches by example because they have mastered the skills of a cadet. They take an oath to develop the RATS into honorable and well disciplined, physically fit, basically trained cadets – and they take this responsibility seriously. During Matriculation week, they wake up earlier and go to bed later than everyone. Throughout the year they sacrifice their own personal time out of dedication to their RATS. Their only privilege is to watch the RATS – who they put so much time into – grow into the cadets they trained them to be. One of the greatest honors a person can have is to lead, and we entrust these young men and women to do just that. They always rise to the occasion and always surpass the standard. These Cadre are the elite of the school. Without their high level of professionalism, dedication and maturity, VMI would be missing a fundamental element of the Ratline experience.

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James Evans Lyne

STAFF:

David Feltes

Sara Hanson

Andrew Czaplicki

Dennis Harbin

Kurt Helfrich

Brandon Harrington

Michael Montoya

Albert Young

Paul Wirth

Kady Rohan

William Carlton

Daniel O'Connell



This year CCS played its role in much the same way it has in the past. Perhaps this will give me a chance to enlighten the Corps on exactly what we do and why CCS is a necessary organization. The job we get associated with the most is our role in hell week. There seem to be some rumors out there that these rats get to joke and eat whatever they want when they come to CCS during hell week. I personally made sure rats were not allowed to talk and they only ate when we took them to the mess hall. Our next role is to provide health and wellness information to the Corps. The topics include alcohol, relationships, and tobacco. Our tables in the mess hall provide an easy way for a cadet to approach a counselor about the issue at hand. Everyone to take home some pertinent information, and give away some pretty cool stuff.

Our third role is behind the scenes and probably the most important, peer counseling. Many people our age have issues that they cannot take to a formal setting with a counselor or they do not want anyone to know they are seeking help. My staff and their role as peer counselors give cadets an opportunity to talk about their problems with someone they are more comfortable talking to and actually able to approach instead of letting their problems build. I want to thank everyone who participated in CCS this year, staff and advisors. I would also like to thank the existence of CCS in general as I owe my invitation to serve in the Peace Corps to my time spent on CCS.



The General Committee Officers of the Class of 2008

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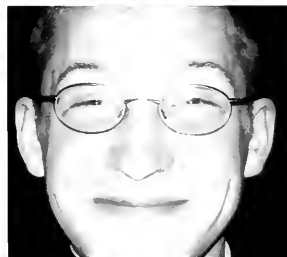
August 21, 2004 to May 16, 2008, marked the cadetship of the Class of 2008. Each year we as a class grew stronger and harder, preparing us for our much anticipated first class year.

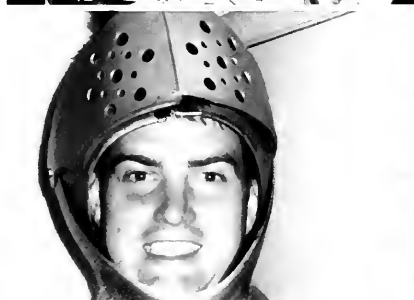
As First Classmen we became dykes, the most influential role that a cadet can have. Each First Classman from the Regimental Commander to Class Officers to First Cass Privates had the ability to make an impact on the rats in our rat mass. We molded our rats from high school seniors into VMI cadets of character. I am proud to say that the Class of 2011 is a product of our class.

Upon graduation we all began to branch out into our respective communities. Through our experiences at VMI, we have been well prepared for the challenges of the real world which lie ahead. Some of us have embarked on commissions or enlistments in the military, while others seek employment in the corporate world.

Brother Rats, we passed every test that was thrust upon us. We did not back down when the tough times came; we made it. Be proud of where you came from, remember what you had to do to get here, and never forget those who have come before you. Only success lies ahead.

-Jason Webb, Class of 2008 President









Kurt M. Able
Psychology - Army
Wesley Chapel, FL

Kurt Ma-lurt!



Clinton R. Adams
Mechanical Engineering - Marine Corps
Newport News, VA



Jeremy N. Adams
Biology - Army
Manassas, VA



To my rats: I hope that I instilled good memories for you during a time in your lives when such a thing was scarce. All of you are meant for something greater than yourselves and I expect to see all of you succeed, whether it be in the civilian sector or in the military. Always remember that the only thing stopping you from achieving your dreams and goals in life is yourself, so never sell yourself short of anything. To my family: You never gave up on me and you will never know how grateful I am for your love and patience. I realize I was not on the right path for many years of my life and I am sorry that the "light" didn't turn on for me until I came to VMI, but at least it finally did. I'll serve my country proudly and use everything that you guys have taught me to be successful. To my friends: You all have made this place bearable over the past four years. Thanks to all my buds here, especially to all you guys on the team with me. I could not have asked for better roommates too (Jon, Chris and Matt).



Well guys, it has been real but now it is time for us to move on. I love you all and I hope that we will cross paths again someday. To my Christian brothers, the Lord will sustain you, to my Rat Brian, run with endurance the race that is set before you and while you are at it score some goals too, spiritually and physically.

Let it be said of me that I walked with the Lord. Brother Rats when all is said and done, what will be said of you? If I was not bold enough to say it then let me say it now, trust in the Lord God as your savior, for our time on this earth is but a moment compared to eternity.

Praise the Lord, Semper Fi, Rah Virginia Mil



Now that it is getting close to graduation I have started thinking back over the past four years. Mainly I have been thinking about what I have learned here, which is a lot. Obviously this knowledge involves biology and military information, but there is so much more. VMI has taught me what it takes to be a good leader. I learned how to push myself to the utter limit and then go beyond. Most importantly I learned that you can not do that and survive without the help of other people. Now that I have the opportunity I would like to thank some of the people that helped me make it through these four years. First, I would like to thank my dyke, Beau West, for teaching me about the VMI system and guiding me through my rat year. I want to thank Andrew Breer for being a great roommate for three years. He kept it interesting and fun. I would also like to thank my rat, Ryan Goodsell, for putting up with me this year. Keep working hard and you will make it before you know it. Lastly, I would like to thank my parents for all their support during all of the hardest times.

Army, Cross Country, Track, Big Brother/Big Sister

2005: Ty Denby
2011: Andrew Duty, Ermin Mujezinovic

Semper Fi Society, Navigators Bible Study, SAD

2005: Chase Porter
2011: Brian Harding

Wrestling, Civil War Round Table

2005: Beau West
2011: Ryan Goodsell



Kyle S. Adams
History - Navy
Fairfax Station, VA



Aaron C. Alderman
International Studies - Marine Corps
White Hall, MD



James D. Andrew, III
International Studies - Army
Tampa, FL



Well the whole thing is finally over. Rugby kept me sane, The Studio kept it fun. From the monkey cat to that one night at Hollins, and everything in between, it's been one crazy trip. Thank you to my family for the constant support that they have given me, and the ability to make it through this place. To The Studio, what can I say that can sum up this year? It's been good, it's been crazy, and it's been a little weird. To the VMI Rugby team...this place sucks hard, but rugby kept me here by letting me leave. The team is the closest group of misfits in this place, and keep on going, and fighting the good fight. Rugby is crazy, and it sure is fun. Rats, don't forget what The Studio has taught you.



It's almost here, the light at the end of the tunnel. Who would have thought that our institutionalization would end? There is so much to reflect on. How do you sum up the past 4 years? I guess an easy way to talk about everything would be through Brother Rat Spirit. Without it, the good times like the trip to Wintergreen would most definitely not have been as crazy. The funny times, like the trip to Hollins wouldn't have been as hilarious to everyone else but me. And the bad times, like the trip to the ATL wouldn't have been as bearable. It's because of this Brother Rat Spirit that we are able to get through these times. Without my Brother Rats to lean on from time to time I don't think I would still be here. To the members of the Silky 15, I couldn't ask for better friends. To my rats Chris and Dennis, I hope that I have imparted in you at least enough wisdom to make it through this place. I guess I'll end on a quote. "Life is a grindstone: whether it grinds you down or polishes you up depends on what you are made of." - Unknown



Like everything else here there is a 'failure to comply' penalty if I don't complete this bomb history. Yet, somehow in spite of all the coercion and enough crap to fertilize the parade deck. I love this place. When I think of all the ridiculous things that I've had to do like sprint off post before SRC for FCP to keep from boning myself I wonder if I would have been better off somewhere easier, and more mainstream. The conclusion that I always come to is that the great friends I have here and the once in a lifetime experiences make it all worth it. From my dykes, brother rats, to my rats there is a fellowship that transcends all of the misguided politics here. I don't think the system ever worked. I think that's the charm of being a cadet. You know it doesn't work and you laugh at it. To all my "pizans": Keep in touch. Nasdarovia!!

Rugby, Dean's List

Track and Field, Rugby, CEA, Espana, Pre -Law Society

2005 : Sam Johnson '05
2001 : Justin Ausborn '11

2005: Ian Foley
2011: Chris Moser, Dennis James

2005: Terrence Henderson
2011: Christopher Buck



Benjamin T. Anhold
Mechanical Engineering - Army
Crozet, VA



Tyler J. Anthony
International Studies - Marine Corps
Canton, OH



Melissa M. Arellano
History - Air Force
Upper Marlboro, MD



They aren't kidding when they say time at the I flies by, but thank God it does! The last four years have had their ups and downs, but it all came out for the better. I would like to first thank my parents for always being there for me. I know it was tough listening to all my stories and complaints but I could have never made it through without you. To all the guys, it's been a blast; you gave me something to look forward to on those long rides back from furloughs. The weekends never quite turned out like we always hoped they would, but we always found a way to make them fun. One way or another we always seemed to find something to get into, or some floor to crash on. To the rats, keep on keeping on. This place will try to drag you down but keep your heads up and stay humble. We'll always be just a phone call away, but now it's your time to shine, make us proud.

There have been many role models and people come in and out of my life that I am grateful for, but none has impacted my life more than my roommates. I don't have enough space to write, so let me just say that I couldn't have asked for better guys to live through VMI with. To Shane, Josh, Phil, and Jack—it is worth it in the end. I'll leave you with two quotes that served as my guidance throughout VMI. The Man in the Arena - "It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again, who knows the great enthusiasms; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at worst, if he fails, he does so while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat." - President Roosevelt
My Delta XO, LT Mark Lenzi, USMC - "Remember what you first thought VMI would be and live everyday to make it that way."
Do your best to live in the Arena and make VMI a better place and it will serve you well. Thank you to my family, the McCabe family, and the wrestling program for helping me along the way.

It's unbelievable how quickly four years have past. Mom, Dad, Melanie, Melirose and Christina- Thanks for your love and support through these years. Without you, I am nothing. To my friends-mamacitas, reals, and everyone else...you know who you are... I'll always cherish the memories. I couldn't have done this without you there to make me laugh. It's you, who has seen me at my absolute worst and never let me give up. Angel and Erin, I'm proud to be your dyke. Work hard, I believe in you. Baseball families- thanks for being my family away from home. I love you all and I appreciate everything you've done. Crunch no matter what happens in life, I'll always be thankful I met you. You are the sunshine to my days. Here's to "the good friends we've had, good friends we've lost, along the way." Wallace, Eazy, Jski... name a few... To those I never had the pleasure of knowing... good luck in life. Lastly, thanks to God for providing me with countless blessings and giving me the strength I needed. In the end, all I can say is, I stayed true to who I am and what I believed in, and that has been my greatest accomplishment.

ERT, NCMT, Rat Challenge, Lexington Rescue Squad, Hollywood Hotel

2005: John Baber
2011: Tom Davis, Kyle Valente

Semper Fi Society, Academic Mentor, Sounding Brass Editor In Chief, School Mascot, NCAA Wrestling (Captain)
2005: Derek Rankin
2011: Shane Wilkinson

Football, BSU Sports Medicine Assistant Trainer
2005: Mildred Cooper, Rebecca Baas, Laura Mack
Peggy Serig
2011: Angel Arenas, Erin Hawes



John E. Arthur
International Studies - Army
Chesapeake, VA



Donald E. Barham, III
Biology - Air Force
Portsmouth, VA



Adam J. Barr
International Studies - Air Force
Portsmouth, VA



I just wanted to take the time to thank God, my family, my fiancé, and my friends. You all have provided a sanity check throughout my life and my time at VMI. Whenever I have had a problem, you turned to you all and you were there. Thank you. As I get ready to graduate, I can't help but think how much my experience at VMI has passed by. I will leave this place but take with me my memories, lessons learned, and the true friendships that were created. My room: I will miss you guys, these four years have been amazing. I can only hope that we stay as close as we have been while living together...maybe not that close, but close enough. You all have taught me much about life through our experiences together. To the Rats of the Room: You all have such potential, do not waste your gifts on fleeting chances. Push yourselves harder everyday and do not quit even when the crowd goes against you. Remember that you will persevere. Keep the Faith.

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13

Epist Student Union, Rat Challenge

2005: Sam Mielnik
2011: Thomas Carnes, Ken Sadler



"Success is Intentional." To the people who mean the most: to the guys, BaseCo. (my brothers), Travis Austin and the 4 years of ridiculous stories and my first deer, Geiss and our chick flick nights, Tittles and Squeaks... enough said, Regan, John Robert, Moosoo, my two rats Jay and the Topp and my others (Suka, Austin, Norbitch, and Grant), LaxFrat, Dawson, J Webb, and my brothers who have moved on (EZ, Wallace, Downtown, and Cookie), my bros at home (Kelley, Jason, Ty, Ronnie, Riggs, Nacion, Chucky, Mikey). To the Love of my life Rachel Ann!!! To my parents and my sister. Thank you for everything. The good, the bad... Thank you! In the words of Crash Davis, "... and if you're playing good because you are getting laid, or because you are not getting laid, or because you are wearing women's underwear, well then you are. And you should know that!!!!!!"

Baseball, Team Captain

2005: Will Paulette
2011: Jason Farley, Justin Topping



Brother Rats, I have truly been blessed by our Heavenly Father to share these past 4 years with you. Thanks for everything you have taught me. After we have gone our separate ways, I hope above all that I will be remembered by you as a Christian first and foremost. Brother Rats, I will always consider you to be among the finest of men—second only to my God and family—and if you should find yourself in my neck of town, or in need of anything, I hope you will not hesitate to pick up the phone... you will always find an open door. Hardcore Alpha, thanks for all the dude love. Will, Clint, Chris, AJ, Teddy, Joseph: thanks for the memories, the arguments etc. "Rusty" I had fun over the summers, but no, you can't date my sister! Will, here's to our adventures! I'll see you in Africa. "Darkie/Rex" I'll see you in Costa Rica. Matt and Chase: Press on and keep in touch. "In everything, be dangerous!"

Unofficial Alpha Co., Frisbee, Navigators Bible Study, Club Soccer, Katrina Mission Relief, SA in Costa Rica, Parade Narrator

2005: Sean Dixon
2011: Matt Jordan, Chase Bailey



Christopher M. Bass
International Studies - Navy
Alexandria, VA



Timothy C. Beckley
Mechanical Engineering - Army
Carroll Valley, PA



Nathaniel V. Bellissimo
Biology - Air Force
Clarksville, VA



It may sound stupid, but the thought of writing this has been in the back of my mind during my whole time here. I wasn't sure what I would say. I know that ordinarily people use this space to thank everyone that has been there, and to explain how much they have matured and grown stronger. I hate to be the cynic but I realize that very few people will read this and those few that do have little interest in what I say. But, there are a select few who are reading this because they played a role in my time here. To these people I would like to convey my deepest thanks and gratitude. Without your support and camaraderie I would not have made the journey. I am forever in your debt. To my family, thank you for making me the man I am today. Thank you all.



How should I sum four years up with a few words? Four years ago I came in as a confused and wondering how I was going to get through the next six months. Now I am a First Classman and ready to leave. To my rats, good luck with the next few years and with life. To my roommates, it's been a long time since STP Steve, but we made it. I will never be able to look at Chinese food again without thinking about Hong Kong. Then there were the strange twists of the second class Corps trip who would have seen that one coming? To my parents: your love, support, and prayers have gotten me through these years. Thank you for all the care packages and all the rides down I-81. To the Cooks, the best host family any cadet could ever hope for. All the Sunday afternoon lunches and football games are some of my fondest memories of VMI. To Lauressa, you have made these last two years so wonderful. I never knew how tough this place could be until it kept me from you. I am still convinced I had the best Ring Figure date ever.



There's a lot more I could say here than can be said in 200 words. I would like to thank my parents for everything that they've done for me throughout this journey. My brother and sister for keeping me strong and letting me know what really matters in life. To Ed, Joe, and Shane, it's been real and I couldn't have found better guys to live uncomfortably close to for the past three years. James, you are a good kid and I hope that you can keep the big picture in focus without sweating the small stuff. Most of all, thanks to my amazing girl Laurie because I don't think I would have been long at this place if you hadn't come into my life. You truly are the best thing that has ever happened to me. Everyone else, VMI wasn't all bad; most of it is, but not all of it. You've gotta make the most of what you've got; and do it our way. I'll never forget these years and, while I will repress some parts, I've got some friends and memories I'll carry with me for the rest of my life. "Buy the Ticket, Take the Ride."

Lacrosse, Rat Challenge, CEA

2005: Danny Fields
2011: Tom Loudenshock, James Lockett

Cadet Newspaper, Track & Field, Engineering Club ACIC
2005: Adam Pouse
2011: Austin Orchard, Erik Kuster

Rat Challenge, Club Soccer
2005: Paul Julian
2011: James Briggs



Stephen M. Bennie
Mechanical Engineering - Army
Martinsburg, WV



Seth J. Berkowitz
International Studies - Army
Midlothian, VA



Christopher W. Bernard
Economics - Air Force
Warrenton, VA



No Information Provided



First and foremost I would like to thank my family, friends and concubines. Without your support who knows where I would be today, I am forever in your debt. To all of my friends, you know who you are, I am proud to call you all my brothers. We are the last of a dying breed, be proud to claim your VMI heritage. I am confident that as I sit here with unwavering resolve in our beliefs that we did it right, you will forever be some of my closest friends. I will always be here for you as I know is the case for me with all of you. To my rats, I love you both. I have tried my hardest to teach you the lessons and give you the tools for success at this place. Make me proud, I am confident you will. Finally, to the Class of 2008, Congratulations! We made it; it certainly has been a long road. See you at the reunions.



"Sometimes the road less traveled is less traveled for a reason." —Jerry Seinfeld
There are a lot of people here (not just cadets) who take this place, and themselves, too seriously. The way I see it, the school you go to shouldn't define who you are. When I leave, I'll take satisfaction in knowing that I'm still my own person: not another brainwashed cadet or alumnus.
To all my friends who made this experience what it was: you know who you are. We've had some good memories in the past, and hopefully we will in the future. Keep it real, and take care of your bunch.

ugby, Boxing

Corporal, Private, Lieutenant, Strength & Fitness,
Cadet Investment Group, The Cadet Newspaper

F-Troop. Boxing (captain). Croquet (captain).
Pick-up Basketball, Wrecking Crew

2005: Soug Aloisio
2011: Marshall Jarrett, Alex Symons

2005: Brian Nooney
2011: William Truscott, Trey Wray

2005: Thomas Hardinge
2011: Joseph Cicero, Chris Conte



Alexa A. Bernas
Chemistry - Navy
Mechanicsville, VA



Alfred E. Betts, III
International Studies - Air Force
Cliffside Park, NJ



Christopher A. Beyer
Economics - Navy
Reston, VA



After being so sure about what I wanted to do with my life after high school, this place made me realize I had no idea. I have learned so many things to take away from here, and several things to leave behind. The hardest part might be learning how the real world works again. I owe so many people my thanks as I have traversed through these long four years. First, to my parents Christie and Edward, who have always supported my decisions and gave me the will to achieve great things. Thank you. Next, to my best friend Walter: we were inseparable since rat year, and you made me believe that I could accomplish anything with hard work. To Danny and Josh, who I haven't known as long as everyone else but I know you guys will do great and make me proud. It's been fun for some time, and the rest of the time it was just a pain in the ass. Good-bye VMI.

I'll make this as brief as possible, and start by thanking my family for putting up with all my complaining about how disillusioned I was about VMI and its totally "character-building" rules for the last four years. Mom, Dad, Tom and Danni, you guys are my world. I guess this is the part where most people put a sweet quote about how great VMI and its system is. Well, I am not going to do that. However, rather than complain about the school and the problems I have with it, I will simply take VMI for all it was to me and ever will be, a learning experience. To everyone who took themselves so seriously, I hope you learn to relax or you'll never get anywhere. To all my roommates and friends, you made these four years bearable, keep in touch. I can't believe I am finally done. Tom Shaffner. "What would you do if you were stuck in one place and every day was exactly the same, and nothing that you did mattered?" Groundhog Day "I don't know if we each have a destiny, or if we're all just floatin' around accidental-like on a breeze. But I, I think maybe it's both." Forrest Gump

To the swim team and coach, thanks for the four years of camaraderie and for helping to push me that extra mile (literally!). To my professors, thank you for all the lessons not only in the classroom, but also about the professional work environment. To my Rats, the one and the many, you have a long road ahead of you; make sure you keep your heads high and your noses clean. To my cousin and friends up in DC, thanks for providing a place of refuge these past couple of years; I'll see ya soon! To my BR's, JR, JP, KA, DF, CBW, PB2, AB, CB, JW, JJ, HL, CH, MT and everyone else, thanks for being there, for your friendship, and for helping me through this place. Lastly, to my Mom and Dad, words cannot express the care and appreciation you have given me throughout the years. I am incredibly grateful and love you both very much!

Congratulations. Class of 2008. Now let's hop on 81 and roll out!

Soccer, Swimming, Reg. Band

Pvt., Wrecking Crew; Croquet, The Cadet; Writer, Sports Editor

2005: Colleen Wall
2011: AJ Baker

1996- Kevin LeRoy "The" Faust
2010- Jon "Teddy B" Buckland

2005: James Driggs
2011: Roy Hunter, Cory Hendley



Gia L. Bichara
Psychology - Air Force
Chesapeake, VA



Peter H. Blades
International Studies - Army
Almond, NY



Katherine C. Bopp
Biology - Air Force
Lexington, VA



"Bia" "Gina"



"Katie"

First and foremost, thank you to my family. Thanks for believing in me and for your unconditional love and faith in me. I love you with all of my heart and more. To the ladies who made the biggest impact on my life here. You women spoiled me for no reason and put a smile on my face when I thought it was impossible. Kat, Lou (and Mark!), Karen, Col Richardson, Miss Leslie, and Martha; I love you, Thank you. To the few people that actually made any great impression on my life at VMI; thank you, you all will remain in my heart forever. Chippy, Reg Reg (little feet), Fej, Ania, Nicole, Mel, Meg-o, Gee, Mike K, Edwardo, Joe Mumpchkin, Johnny S, BSand (little bro), Bug, Kevin B, Stef, Jaime and Kurt H. Now I am ready to move on with my life. This place has bred so many hypocritical and pathetic people it's unbelievable. I am ashamed they are actually stepping out into the real world with the attitudes and views that they possess. It is disgusting that this place claims to make great 'leaders', when those same people were the ones disgracing what VMI is 'supposed' to stand for. I am more than willing and ready to close this chapter of my life and begin a new one...

It is the end of a journey that started four years ago. I would like to thank my parents, Aaron and Abby for supporting me throughout my time at VMI. To all my roommates and friends thanks for the good times and for putting up with me. To my Dwar K partner in crime, Nick Orzichowski, we did live the greatest time of our lives abroad. To my Rattie, Jared make the most of the time you have here and enjoy the time you have with your BRs. To the 2nds and 3rds that I got along with, hope your VMI days are just as tiresome and tedious as mine.

During my time here I have learned important life lessons. The first is to be professional at all times, no matter what you think, always act in a professional manner. Second that no matter what position a person holds, they still can be utterly useless and ignorant. Third that society is changing for the worse, thus changing VMI. It has started as a haven for those that serve others, to one where people look to serve themselves. I do not regret going to VMI because it taught me these lessons quickly. I hope that VMI can still hold out as the last vanguard amidst a degrading society. "What man is a man who does not make the world better?" -Balian of Ibelin. Kingdom of Heaven

F Trooper, VMI Swim. F Troop Cpl & MSGT
RDC, Model Arab League

There are a few people who really got me through this place, and I would have been lost without them. Dad, I've gotten all of my wisdom, sense of humor, and my social skills from you. Mom, (excuse me...Ma'am) you deserve so much more credit than you receive for the things that you've done at VMI. If I am half of the leader and mother than you are then I know I've accomplished something in life. My roommates and my rock, Kady and Molly, thanks for keeping me level headed. T.A., D. M. and T. C. thanks for being my best guy friends and for keeping it real. JPL I wish you the best of luck. Margaret and Emily- I learned the ropes from you, thanks for showing me how to have a good time. Ivette, Hope, and Anna - I'm so proud of you... keep focused! The three of you and the rest of the girls of 128 are going places. VMI-thanks for teaching me patience and how to build character in a place of discomfort.

Softball, Arnold Air Society, EMT, Character
Counts Coach, 2008 Ring Figure Chair. S- 5

2005: Kat Aldrich
2011: Stef Johnson

2005: Alex Dunoye
2011: Jared Claus

2005: Margaret Smith
2011: Anna DeFrank, Hope Hackemeyer,
Ivette Villa
Class of 2008 65



Peter J. Borchelt
Mechanical Engineering - Air Force
Evans, GA



Timothy A. Bowman, Jr.
Computer Science - Army
Flintstone, GA



Daniel A. Boyd
Mechanical Engineering- Army
Stafford, VA



I first want to thank my parents for supporting me with everything, not only over the past 4 years, but also my life. I thank them for allowing me to get away from Augusta, although I chose an interesting destination to land at. I thank all my buddies that I have met from STP to graduation in helping make this place bearable (HC, Swim Team, S6, Room 145, many others). Additionally, to the faculty and mentors I have met along the way, thank you (Coach, SUPT Reps, many others). I will miss all the crazy times trying to meet girls at JMU, UVA and those random places with my best friends that I would die for. I will miss those swim trips, doing goofy stuff and having other teams looking at VMI like we are idiots. I am still trying to understand this place even having been behind the scenes with HC and everything else...I feel that I never will in some aspects, but will realize things later on down the road..."tell the stranger passing by that here obedient to Spartan law we lie" To My Rats: Hang in there, don't pick the fruit too low, and you will know when the time comes.

Honor Court Prosecutor, S-6, Little John, Honor Court Assistant Prosecutor, Swim Team (Capt. 1)

2005: Adam Rous
2011: Stephan Bohannon, Brent Jones



Well, I guess I fell for the pyramid scheme otherwise known as VMI. Having no interest in a future with Ukrops, Target, or Norfolk Southern, my esteemed diploma from the world-renowned best public liberal arts college in the land (within VA -- mind you -- for no one outside of the state has heard of this turf) carries no more weight than a piece of ordinary construction paper. Gratefully, my resume will be the last thing connecting me to this fantasyland mistaken for an institution of higher learning. My high school curriculum was more challenging, far more rewarding and my classmates weren't all halfwits. I'm not sure I've graduated from college or a second-rate reform school, where little men, both young and old, possess some indelible authority from a mock symbol on their costumes - like an all-too-real rendition of Lord of the Flies. But I beat you VMI. I beat your system and you had no clue. I won. More importantly, I would love to thank my parents for their support, encouragement and setting an example of what I can only hope to be for myself and for my kids one day. Y'all are the reason I'm here and will be the reason for my future successes. GO GATORS!

Pvt., Ultimate, Sprint Football, Orange Butter of Death/Hotel, Tango Tuesday, Sushi Wednesday, Gator Nation FORE-VER

2005: Brian Bowman
2011: Chad Bowman



I think the best way to sum up my experiences here at VMI would be as bitter-sweet. Writing this makes me realize just how much I despise this place, but at the same time I know the end is near and I do really know if I am ready to leave. Before I began my cadetship, I remember being excited and nervous, not knowing what would lie ahead. Now, four years later I get the same feelings as graduation comes closer and closer, but there is a lot more to it this time. I feel as if I have more that I am leaving behind. I will miss the quiet late nights in a seemingly empty barrack "pillow talk" with the roommates before hitting the hay, or the all-nighters pulled with my engineering buddies for that project that we should have started a week ago. Above all I will miss the people. I can honestly say that I have met the best friends I could possibly ask for, friends that I will forever call my brothers. Brothers that I have gone to hell and back with, and on weekends that didn't always turn out so great, but we enjoyed them anyway because we were away from a prison we called home, even for just a day or two. I have learned that you have to take your past experiences for what they are worth and move on, and that is all part of the adventure.

Cadet Battery, CEA Delta Rep, Sprint Football, Strength and Fitness

2005: Steve Sawyer
2011: Michael Munson



J. E. Dawson Boyer
History - Air Force
Richmond, Va



Michael R. Boykin
History - Marine Corps
Wando, SC



Christopher M. Boyls-White
Math - Marine Corps
Fairfax Station, VA



From the penthouse on the 5th stoop to Wall Street we existed inside these four walls. The only way we were able to make it through was with the comic relief of our friends and God's grace. Although it's a cliché, I'll never forget the men who I sweat with, strained with, and laughed with. The times we shared are ones only we can truly understand and appreciate.

John 15:13

"Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."



I have very little to say. I just want to say thanks to my roommates, the rugby team for four years of fun. I will miss our times away from VMI and the parties at surrounding universities. I hope that VMI will one day acquire common sense and get belt loops. Good luck to my rat and have fun here for three more years. If any of my BR's need anything don't be afraid to ask. God Bless America.



It's been a long journey over the years. I will always remember the good times and the bad times. The moments that made my experience of VMI. I would like to thank my family and friends for their support over the years. Wherever and whatever my BR's do in life after VMI, just remember where you came from and what got you there. You make your reality what you want your reality to be. Be proud of what you've done or will do in life.

Football, S-6 Lt., Navigators, Wall Street

2005: Alex Boykin, Chris Perry, Ross Booth, Jamaal Stafford
2011: Bruce Hazelgrove, Charlie O'Ferrall, Caleb Boyer

2005: Chase Porter
2011: Brian Harding

Bodybuilding Club, Power Lifting Club, Semper Fi Society, Library Assistant, Tutor ECHO Cadre, 4th CPL., OPS SGT, Timmins-Gentry Music Society, Ring Figure Committee

2005: Sam Johnson
2011: Hank Baker and Tyler Secrest



Andrew T. Breer
History - Navy
Assaria, KS



Joseph P. Brennan
English - Marine Corps
Hillsborough, NJ



Megan L. Brewster
Biology - Air Force
Lynchburg, VA



Four stoops and seven semesters ago we brought forth to this school ideals, conceived in thoughts, that all students are not created equal. Those Brother Rats who have survived have now joined one of the greatest fraternities in this country. Of course, not a single one of us could have made it through without the rest. I wish luck on my BRs, especially Delta. Good luck to Kobee and Ryan, my rats, for they will be my legacy. Good luck Jeremy, you have survived me for three years, and I hope you the best. Thank you to my parents, family, and friends. I hope that future cadets can appreciate the history of VMI as much as I have. We can learn a lot about ourselves by where we come from. Always remember 15 May, and the next time you drive up I-81, stop by and check out your battlefield. I hope that this school of the cadets, by the cadets, for the cadets, shall not perish from the earth.



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Meggery, Punky, Brew

To Grandpa: I will truly miss you, not a day goes by that you don't cross my mind. I love you and won't forget all of the fun we had together. RI Mom and Dad: I love you both, and though it seems when I was in need most you were there, thank you for the tough love and lessons that you taught—whether intentional or not. Jake: Although oceans seem to constantly separate us, you are always close. I couldn't imagine having any one else for a brother. I will never forget all of the laughter and tears. I love you. My friends: Thanks for being there when I needed you. The good times helped me through the bad. I hope that I have done the same for you. Rats: Please remember what you have taught you! I will miss Brewster's babies. Joe: my best friend, my fiancé, my family, thanks for your support. You truly made this place, not only bearable, but worth it. I love you. Thanks to my professors, the bio department counselors, academic advisors, nurses, and Dr. Copeland for your support through the last stretch.

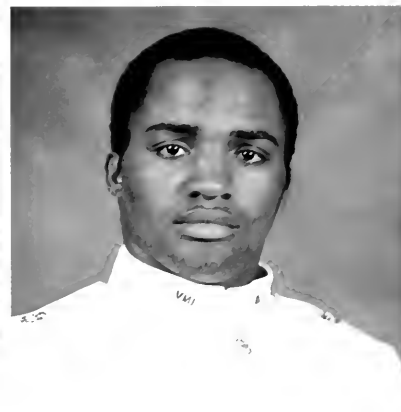
-MLJ

CWRT CIC, Ring Design Committee, VMI Tour Guide

2005: Brandon Haenny
2011: Kobee Burnshire, Ryan Goodsell

2005: Garrett Brickner

2005: Scarlett (Collins) Bean
2008: Bri Allard, Liz Carlos, Nadine Schumacher



Peter T Brookes
International Studies - Army
Purcellville, VA

Marcus A. Brown
Economics - Air Force
Norfolk, VA

Robert U. Brown, III
Biology - Air Force
Glen Heights, TX



Although the self-proclaimed "Ultimate Warrior," Peter will graduate being nothing more than a weekend warrior. Have fun in the Nasty Guard Pete! The "warrior" attempted to sleep away most of his time at the Institute; unfortunately, he woke up every time a bee farted on the other side of barracks. When not sleeping, Brookes was competing for the title of "biggest meathead" on the Rugby team, giving the dumbest of rocks a run for their money. Peter spent his free time spazzing out, watching Youtube video, and whining. A lot. Brookes had a bad habit of people stealing his crap and then conveniently returning it to his desk just minutes later. "Two..Man...Room!" He also owned more vitamins and supplements than his arch nemesis Fiore. Overall, Peter was a good roommate, except when he wanted to wrestle his roommates in his underwear. He was a great cadet and stood up for what he believed in, even though he had no clue what was going on. Peter will be dearly missed by his friends and classmates as he was always entertaining, even though they were laughing at him and not with him. The question remains... WHYYYYYYYY?!!!! Toobadhe'll never understand.

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There is no experience like VMI. We complain about how all other schools have it better but they don't have our sense of brotherhood. Over these past 4 years, it has been a toiling experience both mentally and emotionally but I would not have it any other way. The football team. I wish you the best of luck and hope y'all bring home some wins for all the drunk alumni in the stands. Myself being one of them soon, not the drunk part though. My roommates have been my best friends. Too you Nate and Chad I wish you the best of luck in all you do. To our rats, Cameron, Chaz, John, and Eric. I hope that you will stay together and help each other through the grueling process of becoming a first classman. VMI is a hell hole but the experience of a lifetime.

Rugby, The Cadet Newspaper, German Club, College Republicans, Private, Corporal, Warrior Club, Meat Company

Football

2005: Tom Largi
2011: Chris Forbes and Allen McCown

2005: Amit Hull
2011: Mario Scott, Mike Rainey-Wiles

2005: Randy Wainman
2011: Cameron Jones & Chaz Jones



Brandon K. Bryant
Psychology - Army
Appomattox, VA



Derek C. W. Bryant
Economics - Air Force
Lynchburg, VA



Jeffrey K. Burchett
Psychology - Army
Danville, VA



"OxX"

I don't know what to say really, these years have been great as a matter of fact I was planning on staying an extra semester. I have seen just about all manners of restrictions/probations a cadet can see and one thing I learned never get in a case race with yourself. To my sons in 09 Brode and Lincon I am glad you got my good looks. Never fear I have a feeling that a Little OxX will come up and be even more insane than I am, the question is who is going to step up to the challenge. Lane don't be a tool bag, and don't stop playing rugby; also don't worry I wont hurt you in the games. To the rest of my rats Dan, Alex, and Matt remember to keep strong.

"everybody wanta be a bodybuilder but nobody wanta lift no heavy ass weight. but I do"
-Big Ronnie Coleman

"I set my standards low so I will not be disappointed"
-Devils Rejects

"Yeap, Yeap, light weight! Yeah Buddy"
-Big Ronnie Coleman

NCAA Football, NCAA wrestling, Rugby,
Power lifting, Cheerleading

2005-Blake Bryant
2011- Lane Pratt



"DB", "dRock", "Beastmaster"

It's been fun, and it's been real, but it hasn't been real fun. I want to thank my dykes, all 15 or so, especially Bodie for teaching me everything. Blake, I'm glad we got to suffer together for a year. My friends, you fellas are the best, we had some good times, some bad times, and a hell of a lot of fun. Coke and Steven...I hope you guys had a good first year and thanks. To all the Cadet Waiters of second-class year...you guys made the \$700/hour worth it. For all of those we lost along the way... it will all be okay in the end - if it isn't ok - then it isn't the end. Lastly, I want to thank my family for the support along the way, I hope I made you proud.

Cadet Waiter, OGA, Pre - Law

2005-Roland Bodenhein
2011: Steven Hite, Zach Smith



I was six years old when my dad brought me to VMI for the first time to watch a parade. I remember feeling awe-struck by the cadets in their cool uniforms marching with sabers. Now, after having marched well over 100 parades, I'm over it. Reflecting on my time here brings back a lot of boring memories but there have been some great times as well. That is all thanks to you guys in 123. Who would have ever thought you guys could stuff me into the top shelf of a wall locker. Jeromie, Nick, I am going to miss you guys. And Evan, we are the only two left from 401. I would like to say more but I don't want to embarrass you family. Mom, thanks for always being there for me and Dad, I'll never forget our drives back up to VMI. Joey, don't even think about coming here. And Lisa, it's been a long 4 1/2 years. Thank you for waiting on me and putting up with VMI. I love you so much and I can't wait until August. Gabriel and James, you guys are awesome but Gabe you are the weirdest kid I've ever met.

Rat Challenge Cadre 05-06, CEA Charlie
Representative 07-08., Psychology Club, Cpl
PLT SGT, PLT LT

2005 - Al Chatwood
2011 - Gabriel Colon, James Alexander



Edmund M. Burke
Civil Engineering - Army
Naperville, IL



Jesse B. Burnette
History - Army
Marion, NC



Andrew P. Calvo
Psychology - Army
South Hempstead, NY



First, I would like to thank my parents for giving me all the opportunities in the world. To my three siblings for being there to listen to me complain... all the time. To my roommates, for putting up with me over the past three years and actually being able to stand to be in the same room with me for an extended period of time. For the rats in room III I can only hope that somehow we were a positive influence on you all. Those of you who consider me a friend, I will always cherish the memories that have been forged here, and like my roommates thank you for understanding my unique sense of humor. VMI is a place few outsiders will ever understand. It's a place I will hate and love all at the same time. People always ask if I think I made the right choice by coming here, and knowing what I know now, I wouldn't change a thing. This can be mainly attributed to the people I now know as my Brother Rats. I leave you all with one last quote that I believe should sum up what VMI has tried to instill in us "All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing"



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First and foremost I'd like to thank my Family, especially mom, dad, and matt, for having faith in me and always being there for me. K-Hill. Jason, Rick, J-Bullz, Tuts, Reegs, Squeeks, Midge. Trey, Trap, Jordan, Crowder, Mulk, Fain, B-Mo, Ed. Trapster, Heath, Andrew, B-Whit, Matty, Peeler, Jakes, and Z there is no way I could have made it through this place without you. To I42. Mad pipe, that's what it's all about. To everyone here at the institute who takes life too serious and thought that I wouldn't make it out of here, you were wrong and good luck cause there is more to life than this place, DPS, Kevin, since elementary school you've been there for me and we finally proved everyone wrong who doubted us. Wythe, you've been one of my closest and best friends through this long journey and it will not be forgotten brother.

Cadet Battery, Guide On, OGA Company Rep.
ASCE Secretary

NCAA Lacrosse, Sports Medicine, Private

2005: Jarod Wheeler
2011: Michael Frossard

2005: Shore Stokes

2005: Adam Clift
2011: Kevin Bocanegra, Jonathan Carter Howe



Marcus J. Carlstrom
Economics - Marine Corps
Harrison, MI



Zachary C. Carmen
History - Marine Corps
Chesapeake, VA



Brett M. Carpenter
Biology - Army
Covington, VA



First off, I would like to thank God for giving me the strength to successfully completing any and all rigors presented to me here at VMI. Next, I would like to thank my family and friends, both old and new, for all of their support. I would have to say that in the past 4 years VMI has both left me disappointed at times, and has exceeded my expectations at times. I give thanks and appreciation to the men and women working down in Kilbourne Hall, it is they who are the true reason for VMI's success throughout the years. I wish nothing but good fortune to my classmates, whether they are going into the military or the civilian sector, and to those who will come after us. See ya out there. GOTTA GO!



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I've had some great experiences at VMI and met some awesome people as well, but in the end I'm glad these four years are over. First, I would like to thank my family for all the support they have given me. Most importantly I would like to thank the friends which I have made here because you all were the main reason why I made it to graduation, and without y'all my time spent at VMI wouldn't have been the same. Will and Lance I will never forget the crazy experiences we had last summer, and we will always be the "TET" boys and don't forget that "Big Girls Don't Cry" and "Sex on the Beach". Rats, congratulations on making it your first year, work hard, don't be stupid, and remember what we taught you. Eric and Lawton y'all have been awesome roommates, good luck in the Army and whatever you do afterwards. Also, Lawton stop being a "J-O-O" and Eric stop being...well Eric. Thanks 2008 it's been fun

Sprint Football, Strength & Fitness, Bodybuilding,
Semper Fi Society, Club Basketball

2005: Shelby Sears
2011: Jankyn Kittrell

2005: Robert Barbaree
2011: Thomas Fields

Club Basketball

2005: Ben Hobbs
2011: Phillip Parker



Brandon T. Carter
History - Army
Kingsport, TN



Stanley Y. Cheng
Mechanical Engineering -- Air Force
Virginia Beach, VA



Hung-Ruei Chen
Mechanical Engineering - Navy
Taipie, Taiwan



Well, three and a half years was enough. VMI taught me how to be a good leader. I learned how to be a good leader only by witnessing the nearly incessant poor leadership from both cadets and administration all around me. As long as I never treat people the way I was treated here, I will be successful. There were some bright spots, however. I met some of my best friends here. Drake and Shane, though there were slight disagreements, I could not have asked for better roommates. Phil, my partner in crime (literally) from way back, keep being Phil. Jake, B&B's will never end. I had VMI's greatest dyke, Zach Lewis, and I hope I have been half the person he was. Patrick and Steve, play the game when you have to, but most importantly, have fun! It only took me seven semesters to finally figure it out - Good Ol' Rocky Top.

Bloodmobile, President, Big Red Club President, Cadre, OGA, Pre -Law, Nancy's, Rocky Top

2005: Zach Lewis
2011: Patrick Leugers & Stephen Sargent



“...que toda la vida es sueño,
y los sueños, sueños son.”

-Pedro Calderón de la Barca

2005: Yang- Hsi Tsai
2011: Kittisak Siripollawat



VMI is a place that gathers lots of complains from cadets. But now reviewing my entire cadetship, I feel nothing but grateful. The education I received here at VMI modified my character and gave me a better chance to succeed. Here I lived with people who have the greatest personal characters; enjoyed the best academic environment; and learned the system that runs a great institution. I thank my country Taiwan for providing me the opportunity to attend VMI, and I thank my family for making me the person who could take advantage of it.

Body Building Club, International Club,
Sprint Football

2005: Jeng, Wei-Han
2011: Yen, Heng-You Chen, Ching-Hang



Paul A. Childrey
Mechanical Engineering - Navy
Glen Allen, VA



Narang Choi
Math - Air Force
Ft. Belvoir, VA



Erin J. Cipperly
History - Air Force
Yorktown, VA



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To my roommates: Bunny and Erin, without you I doubt I would have made it through VMI. I will miss our late nights of studying, but most of all the never ending laughter. You will forever hold a special place in my heart, thank you. Best wishes and call me beep me if you wanna reach me :) To my rat-ties: Monica, Danielle, Hung-xin, and 147 rats. You have all come very far. Never quit and I am very proud of you. Good luck with school and enjoy your days at VMI to the fullest. To my family: Mom, Dad, Tachun and Taeho. Thank you for believing in me, and I love you.



I could probably write an entire book about the bitter and angry feelings I have towards VMI but I only have a 200 word limit. Yet, despite all the memories I'd like to forget, I also made memories and friends here which I hope I never forget. I've gone through some rough times at VMI, but it made me closer to my family, friends, and God. Thank you all for changing my life for the better. Britty, Steph, and Nohe You're soooooooo good. I'll miss not being able to laugh with you, watch angry cat videos, or have "venting sessions." I love you. Jared- My best friend & fellow Life Aquatics fan. MEEEOOWW!!!! love you, bye! My Rats, Jackie & Justin- Keep on Keepin' on. If times get rough remember this quote from my dyke, "If you can get through VMI's BS, you can get through anything!" Mom, Dad, Devon, Megan, and GM- you encouraged me & kept me reasonably sane. Spencer- My better half. I am eager to close this chapter in my life to start a new one with you. Whatever it takes. Te Amo.

Corporal, Lieutenant, Softball, International Club, Library Assistant, IT Assistant, QMD, Dean's List

2005: Rebecca Baas
2011: Danielle Dove, Monica Hamlin, Hung-Xin Li

Model Arab League, Rat Challenge, CCS, Body Building Club, Big Brother/Big Sister, S-7, Ring Figure Committee, Virginia History Society, NCMT

2005: Jessica Stewart
2011: Aquisi Harris, Chiesopher Gyamfuaa, Carolyn Kenaley

2005: Franck Dyson
2011: David Stecher



Patrick E. Clark
Chemistry - Navy
Chesapeake, VA



Jeremy C. Clement
Economics - Navy
Chesterfield, VA



Michael J. Clements, Jr.
Economics - Navy
Cocoa, FL



Over the past 4 years of my life, I have experienced some of the highest highs and lowest lows. It has been an emotional roller coaster. From the hardships of the ratline, being a 3rd, and the overall stress that is involved with being a cadet, I sometimes wonder how I made it through. To survive here, you always had to tell yourself its going to get better, even though it never does. After breakout this place is going to be awesome; "Just wait until ring figure", or "This place will be so much better when we're 1st classmen" we told ourselves. What a load of crap that turned out to be. I stayed at VMI because of my personal pride, the support of my family (my father especially), and most importantly because of the friendships I have made. My friends here at VMI are the greatest guys I know, and I have so much respect for all of them. As much as I have despised my cadetship, I'd do it again. My experience here has let me grow from a boy to a man and has prepared me for the next stage of my life. In closing, to my rat, I wish you the best over the next three years, though you managed to piss me off fairly often, it's been a fun year.

Troop CPL, FTroop SGT, 1st Class PVT,
Troop Rat Challenge Cadre, Club Soccer

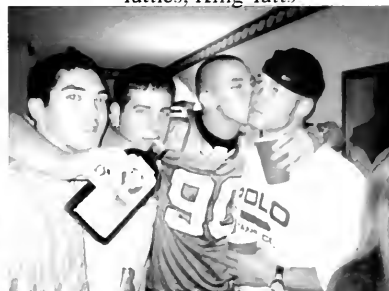
2005: Ryan Anderson
2011: John Sturgill



I never would have made it to this point in my life without God and my family. Mom and Dad, you have supported me in every endeavor I have ever undertaken and have devoted yourselves to providing Katie, Ashley and me with every possible opportunity. I love all of you so much and as I begin the next chapter in my life, I can only hope to make you proud. Shannon and my rats; it has been a privilege to have gone through the dyke/rat experience with you and I hope that the friendship and success continues long after VMI. To Roger; I have a profoundly clearer vision of life and of myself, ultimately making me a better person, thank you. To the soccer team; there are few places where one can truly say this, but I wouldn't trade all of the blood, sweat, and tears for anything. To my roommates and friends; you are my brothers and I can only hope that I may have influenced your lives as much as you have mine. VMI means something different to every person who goes through here, and we each take from it what we choose. I have chosen to embrace this arduous experience as an adventure of self discovery and understanding, as well as a test of faith and will. As friends, we have withstood the weight of The Virginia Military Institute, and now it is time to take on the weight of the world.

NCAA Soccer, Cadet Investment Group, Banff Environmental Corps, Private

2005: Shannon Meehan
2011: Whit Anthes, Chris Milligan



"Tuttles, King Tutts"

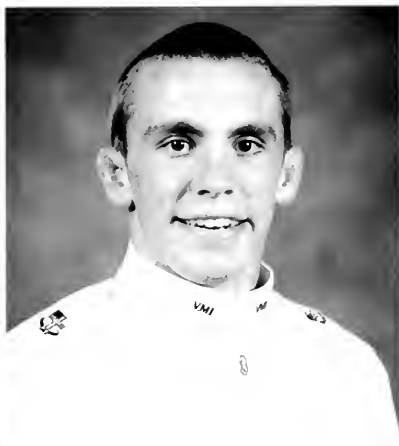
Finally the time has come. First, I want to thank my parents for all their love and support, which made this journey possible. I want to thank VMI for allowing me to meet so many great people. To my roommates, K Hill and B Whitt (What! What!). We made the best of this place. So many good times from ring figure to all the other random college trips where we somewhat felt normal. To all my other boys J Rich, Matty H, Peeler, Squeeks and the rest of the Goodfellas. You know who you are. As much as I hated this place I will always be proud to be from VMI.

Baseball, Golf Club

2005: Jeff Demara
2011: Tim Brust



Mackenzie S. Colella
International Studies - Army
Athens, AL



Vincent G. Cole
Economics - Navy
Richmond, VA



Lucas J. Combs
Civil Engineering - Air Force
Churchville, VA



As I have always said, the days here are long, but the weeks are short. Now it seems as if the years have been shorter. It has, like everything in my life, been an adventure. I arrived that August day almost four years ago with hair, a cocky attitude and no idea what I was getting into. Since then several individuals have influenced who I have become. Among these are Mr. Dunoy, SFC Perdue, the Ranger Challenge Team, and BG Brower. Ultimately though, VMI wouldn't have been VMI without my brother rats from the class of 2008, in particular Jonathan Ostermann, who has always reminded me why I chose Liberal Arts, and especially John Douglas, a truly great friend. I never would have arrived here without the constant support from my parents, who taught me never to accept mediocrity and to always put my faith in God, without whom I can do nothing. Great credit also belongs to Katy Ann, the joy of my life, who has always uplifted and supported me. Finally, to my rats: remember that VMI is only what you make of it, carry on my legacy, trust in God, and do great things.



I can't believe my time here is finally coming to an end. Looking back it seems like it was just yesterday that I matriculated as a Rat into the class of '05+3. If I could I would definitely thank the ol' "Mother I" for teaching me the many invaluable life lessons that she had so graciously put in front of me. Times were certainly tough along the way which can go without saying for anybody that is lucky enough to make it out of this place. But with help from my family and friends I overcame those obstacles and pushed on. I think I have come a long way from the "Vincey Calm Down" of before. In closing, I just want to say thank you again to my family and friends for being there for me, good luck to my BRs with whatever the future holds, and to my rats, John and Tom, keep the dyke line strong.



It came to pass.

Ranger Challenge, Civil War Roundtable, Pipe Band, College Bowl

Wrestling

Football

2005: Allen Coones
2011: Aaron Cregar, Jamie Bost

2005: Ian Foley
2011: Thomas Schirra, John Held

2005: Brandon Fellers
2011: Eric Scott, Nicholas Bates



Ryan W. P. Corcoran
Economics - Marine Corps
Richmond, VA



Brian A. Corely
Electrical Engineering
Fairfax Station, VA



Justin D. Costello
Economics - Air Force
Runnemede, NJ



To my parents and sister: The past few years have been filled with ups and downs, good and bad times, and everything else under the sun. You guys challenged me to keep going and never quit even when times were tough. Thanks for the love and support. To my roommates past and present: We made it. Now we're still here to tell our stories I will never know. Without you guys I wouldn't have made it one second. If I had to start it all over again I would and would hope that I was put with the same group of guys. Good luck in the future and thanks again. Delta '08: The best company on the hill. From hell week to graduation we went in together and now it's almost over. I hope that all of you keep in touch as we move into our next phase in life. To Amanda: Thanks for sticking it out with me during this grand adventure and allowing us the pleasure of retreat weekends.



Well, Ladies and Gents, the time has come for us to part ways. As one of the proud few that shall remain an extra year, I wish you the best of luck in your endeavors. It's been an honor to call you Brother Rats. To Stephanie: You have no idea how much of an inspiration you've been to me. I would have given up a long time without you there. You have shown me that good things can happen when I grit my teeth and drive on. I look forward to the day when we are both out of this place. To Andrew: It's an honor to be your dyke and I am very proud of the hard work you've put in your first year here. Keep it up. To my parents: It hasn't been easy and my journey through VMI isn't over yet. But, I know I could not have made it this far without your help. Thank you so much and I love you all very much.

Here's to you and here's to me,
And may we never disagree.
But if we do, to Hell with you,
And I shall drink to me.



Looking back it seems like the time here has flown by that may be caused by all the black out weekends I have had with my friends. Coming here I knew what to expect, but never thought I was going to make the best friends of my life. Dustin and Nikolai are probably the most unique guys I ever met. I find it funny that we are all total opposites, but because of VMI we were able to become brothers. We have had some priceless moments that even Tucker Max would be jealous about. UVA, JMU, and especially the famous Halloween party at Radford. This place has taught me a lot about myself, mostly that I can take a nap at any given point in time during the day. I also enjoyed the luxury of being able to work in the Mess Hall. I learned how our food is prepared, but because I am sworn to secrecy you all will never know. Working for Aramark was a unique experience in itself, but I had a great time working the concessions at the basketball games; one time in particular. All in all I have made some great friends and I thank them for always being there. I know we will all see each other in the future.

ERT (ACIC), Club Lacrosse, Corporal, First Class Private, EMT, Rat Challenge (CIC) EMT, NCMT (CIC), Cadet Battery, Delta

Member of IEEE, Post Tour Guide

2005: Paul Boulden
2011: Robbie Saunders

2005: Brian K. Bowman, Shelby Sears,
Aaron Thatcher
2011: Andrew Tunnell

2005: Kurt Karpov
2011: Jon Hull



Donald R. Cowart, III
Civil Engineering - Air Force
Rustburg, VA



Shane T. Cox
Civil Engineering - Army
Christiansburg, VA



John M. Cristiano
History - Army
Everett, MA



After four years I've learned you can't go it alone. It's a long four years & friends are your strength, they help you get through everyday with a smile on your face. Thanks to the five that I couldn't have done it without. I see you guys as the Brothers I never had. I'm blessed to have made such great friends that have always been there for me. I'm also thankful for the many coaches and role models I've had. I've enjoyed being an athlete for ya'll and I have made memories I'll cherish forever. Momma bear & sis, you two made me the man I've become & for that I can't thank ya'll enough. I think the world of you two great women! Lastly, lessons that got me through & words of encouragement. Run your race. Leave it all on the track. Always dream, never give up & never quit! To my Legacies you can do anything you dedicate yourselves to! Work hard, keep your head down & great things will happen. I Love you all & I'll miss the times D-Ray
F54L



Well what can be said to sum up such an experience I never could have believed it when I started, but the past four years went by faster than everybody said they would. Looking back on it all, I wouldn't change a thing. Well, maybe that night third class year Ed and I had a run in with Post Police and Sergeant Major, but even that turned out alright. I'd like to thank my parents for everything you did, you did more than you had to and I probably didn't say it enough. The time I was here would have been a whole lot harder if it wasn't for all your support. Joe, Ed, Nate, it was a wild ride and it wouldn't have been the same without you guys. Good luck with whatever is ahead for you. Austin, good luck with the next three years; keep your head in the game and I know you'll come out on top. To everyone I left off, you know who you are, thanks for all that you did.



Goodbye to my rat, Rob (the only one worth a damn, despite getting broken). I hope to not see these four walls again for quite some time and goodbye to all my fellow smokers.

Cross Country, Indoor & Outdoor Track

OGA, Rat Challenge

2005: Jonathan Johnson
2011: Leo A. Walker, Jared M. Balsor

2005: Nate Johnson
2011: Austin Kenon

2005: Rory Opanasets
2011: Robert Straskulic



William T. Crockett
History - Army
Toano, VA



Thomas E. Cunningham
Mechanical Engineering - Air Force
Columbus, OH



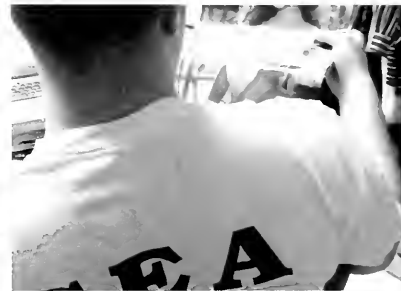
Benjamin A. Curle
History - Army
Rockville, VA



Well, as much of a cliché as it is, it truly is hard to believe it has been four years. Everyone owes a lot to a lot of people and I'm no different. First, I owe everything to the support of my family, without whom my cadetship would have ended long ago. A close second is my adopted family here at the I, beginning with Ben Melton, without whom I wouldn't have even finished the Ratline. To all of my friends; Jarrett, Ben, Schrafft, Dan, Andy, Giles, Russo, Jared and Mitchell, all of those incredible times we've spent together have made this place tolerable. I will treasure our friendships as long as I live. Finally to the Rats of 188; Derek, Case, Kyle, Big Daddy and Waldo. Always remember that you are all that we leave behind, hold your heads high, live every day to its fullest and don't get bogged down in the little stuff. Keep in mind what is truly important to you in life and, through the long tunnel ahead, never lose sight of the light. In closing I'd like to quote George B and say "To the Rats: Do the right thing, the high road isn't crowded".



For the last four years VMI has been my life. Hell Week, the ratline, engineering, grades, wrestling, rank, and best of all, friends; friends who are now like family. I would like to thank my roommates over the years as well as friends for the good times and also for being the best damn fans to ever cheer for me on the mat; next to my parents, of course. I have enjoyed my time at VMI and have taken advantage of every opportunity it has offered. The mother I has done more for me than I ever could have imagined. I encourage anyone else to do the same. Too many people seem to get caught up in a struggle against the Institute and fail miserably. Gonzo, Ty, and Stephen, I'm sure we will keep in contact so I guess I don't need to say much to you except that I lucked out on roommates. Rats, stay on the path we helped to guide you toward. You are our legacy. P Stain, I couldn't have asked for a better rat. So far you have a pretty damn good dyke line going...Don't mess it up! DO WORK SON!



In the words of a man much wiser than myself: "If I could do it all over again. I wouldn't, except for the friends that I have made." I was never able to truly grasp the meaning of these words until August 21, 2004 when I donned my VMI hot pants for the first time. VMI is not a difficult place to attend, but rather a tedious place that frequently reminds you of what you could have done over the past four years of your life. I often wonder what my life would be like if I hadn't become a Keydet, and even though so much of this place makes me want to believe the contrary, I am glad I came here. Despite closed weekends due to sporting events, ROTC control, all types of early morning wakeups, and ridiculous class soap operas, I wouldn't trade my group of buddies for anything. I only hope that my rats can leave here with the same sentiments towards their own group of lifetime friends. Good luck to the Corps, my rats, and my own brother rats in the challenges that face us in the years to come.

Cadre, NCMT Cadre, Hollywood Hotel

Wrestling, Color Guard, D Co 08

Bravo 2LT. Plt Sgt. Clerk. CEA President. CEA Assistant Investigator. Ring Figure Party Committee

2005: Ben Melton
2011: Case Thompson, Derek McKnight

2005: Will DeShazor
2011: Phil Steinhoff

2005: Billy Angle
2011: Keith O'Donnell & Fritz Boniface



Bryan E. Curry, Jr.
Psychology - Army
East Setauket, NY



Nicholas E. Cutting
Civil Engineering - Marine Corps
Staten Island, NY



Andrew J. Czaplicki
International Studies - Army
Freehold, NY



A friend of mine once told me about a way to determine whether or not someone was your good friend or just someone you associated with. What you do is ask them to drive you to the airport; a good friend will always be willing to drive you to the airport. If they agree then they are indeed a good friend, if they make an excuse, then they are just an associate. After my four year sentence to VMI, I am happy to know that I have many people here who would have, and some who actually have, driven me to the airport, as long as they weren't on confinement... That's just the type of person this place creates, that and alcoholics. I am honored to have been able to embrace the suck with all of you. Semper Hooah.



To my 102 rats: Sharif, Rory, Martin, and Buck. I am sorry, I feel like the one place I truly lacked as a cadet was in my dykely duties. But just remember one thing: respect this place; remember where you are and who you represent. It is worth it, I promise. Aaron remember what you said to me your last night in barracks. I did it. Thank you for everything. To my CE boys (Travis, Robbie, Shane, etc). We had some long horrible nights in NEB. We worked harder then anyone out there. I never would have made it without you. I know you will all do great things. To Major Bott and the rest of the CE faculty. You showed me the passion and excitement of engineering and pushed me passed my limits. Thank you for making my life hell. Dad, I am eternally grateful for everything you have done for me. I would not be where I am today if it wasn't for you. Mom, thank you for being the role model I strive to be. I love you. Roger, It has been an honor and a privilege to work along side you these past two years. Jake, you are a cynical bastard and I love you for it. Give me a call on your \$400 telephone some time. Dan Jones you were never forgotten. We missed you so many times this year. Thank you for defending our freedom. Scott keep your head up. I know you can make it. Cristina Your wait is over. I love you. Thank you for sticking by my side. It is hard to put into words what this place has really done for me. I have experienced the worst and best times of my life here at the institute and I am forever grateful for those who were with me along the way. To my best friends, my piesons: Dave, Pete, Josh, Jim, Hank, Al. You, my brothers are the real reason why I have grown to love this place so much. You are the reason I call this place home. It will never be the same without all of you by my side. I will never forget the endless hours of SRC conversation and the years of advice. You are my family. I will always be there for you keep in touch.



"There but for the grace of God, go I"

Rat Challenge Lt., Band Co. Mess Hall Rep, Wrecking Crew

Cadre

Wrecking Crew, Cadet Battery, Special Action Detachment, Cadet Equity Association, Cadet Counseling Services, The Cadet Newspaper

2005: Aaron Wallace
2011: Peter Griffin, Richard Lee, Kyle Drumheller

2005: Arron Gleaton
2011: Sharif Gray, Rory Chisholm

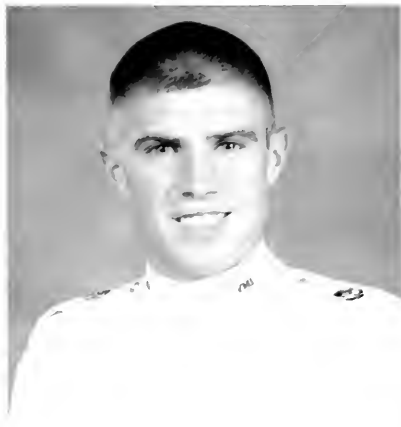
2005: James Shambley
2011: Jerry Hickey, Patrick Terhune



Christopher F. DarConte
International Studies - Air Force
Merrick, NY



Robert E. Davis
International Studies - Army
Cape Porpoise, ME



Branden D. DeLong
Civil Engineering - Air Force
Carrsville, VA



I want to thank all of my family and friends for helping me endure the four years of hardships cadets must go through to make it to graduation. For a long time I have been waiting to watch the view of Barracks shrink in my rearview mirror for good, but only recently have I begun to realize that a chapter in my life is about to close. The comfort of having like-minded friends within talking distance will be gone and I do not know if I will ever be able to enjoy that comfort again. My time at VMI may have been temporary, but the friends and memories I have made will last the rest of my whole life. To my Rats: Matt and George, you made me proud throughout your ratline. Your hard work and determination have made you leaders among your fellow BRs. I've done my best to teach you what VMI should be, it's now your job to do your best and try to make VMI a reality.



Let me start by not saying Thank You. If you helped me get to where I am today then you already know my feelings and I owe you more than an impersonal 'thanks' buried in the pages of a yearbook. Four years of VMI destroys some people and others don't even make it through the first days. I survived and prospered here due to a select bunch of people: my family, my friends from home, my dykes and a group of friends in the Class of 2008. It's to them that I owe my successful journey. However, my words are for all to read, and take to heart if they so wish.

To my rats: Whatever happens in life, find a close group of friends who will stand by you no matter what. They will be the ones who get you through the hard and celebrate the good.

To my dyke: You didn't teach me about VMI, rather you taught me about life. I am forever in your debt.

To my classmates: VMI doesn't build character, it reveals it. After four years, if you don't know me or understand me - I don't care. You are obviously a person I neither trust nor care to. Your bad decisions are destroying my blessed Institute. Soon you will be out in the real world and you won't be able to hide from the evil and ruthlessness that exist - it is unfortunate you didn't learn how to deal with that here.

Coming to VMI was the best decision of my life: a realization of who I am, what I am made of and what I value in those around me. I do not regret anything I have done here and the family I have discovered will be with me forever. With certainty, I know who my true brothers are. No Excuses. No Regrets.

Cadre, Dean's List, Club Soccer, Strength and Fitness, Pre-Law

2005: Marc Lyons
2011: Jeremy Brown, Ross Harris

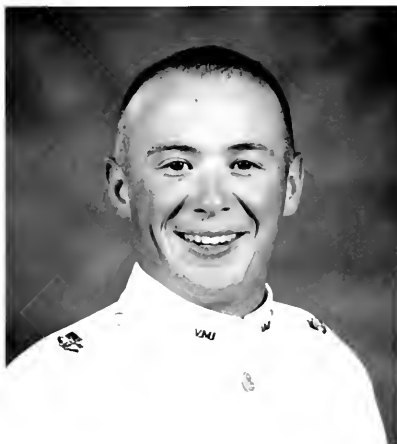


This was an experience of a lifetime and one that I will never forget. VMI has taught me lessons, some good, some bad; but it was always with the best friends I'll ever have. Thank you to my family for being there and supporting me through everything I've done and to the Air Force for helping me to realize my potential. Thank you to my brother rats for all the good times we've shared, to Jessie for everything you do, and to my rats, Brent Bayliss and Justin Simmons as you both pursue your own legacy. Zoom zoom.

2005: Travis Hord
2011: Justin Simmons, Brent Bayliss

CAA Lacrosse, VMI Rugby, RDC

2005: Jeff Rummel
2011: George Nutter, Matt Freedom



Jon S. Donaldson
Economics - Army
McKinney, TX



John H. C. Douglas
Chemistry - Marine Corps
Birmingham, AL



Lawton E. Drake
Civil Engineering - Army
Midlothian, VA



The past four years have been an up and down cycle between the good, the bad, and the difficult. So, to start this way too complicated simple history, I'll begin where my Dyke failed to go. Josh, you were a fantastic rat. The hard work and determination you brought with you to this place sets you apart from your peers. Now-a-days people say "the Rat Line is as hard you make it," well, if that's the case then yours was successfully miserable. Shane, Phil, and Jack, you should be equally as proud. Y'all never backed down from the challenges the school and your Dyke's placed in front of you. If I leave you with any wisdom, I'd like to say: When times are dark, and you hit that down cycle, never forget VanPeezy and ask yourself, where's Bowman? Delta Dogs 2011, it was an honor to be a part of your Rat Line. Over the next four years carry the Delta Guideon straight, tall, and at the standard. You stood together alone this year and have all the potential to carry on our Mad Dog legacy. I can't wait to come back to the "I" to see my Delta Dogs leading and excelling in the Corps. Glyn, Jed, Stan, Dave, Alec, and all the other great friends I have here at VMI, you made my experience here everything I hoped it would be. The one constant factor in the good, bad, and difficult days at VMI has been my roommates. It was a pleasure rooming with such fine men. I look forward to seeing our friendship ("Brothership") grow outside of VMI. See you on the other side Tommy, Ty, and Gonzo.

NCAA Baseball, Ranger Challenge, Rugby, 4th Class FTX, Delta Operations Sergeant, Delta CO, Delta 1st Platoon LT, RDC

2005: Richard Litwin
2011: Josh Bookwalter
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The past four years have not been easy; but they have been good. I don't think that there is a cadet in this institution that does not complain about or, at times, hate this place, and I am no exception. But as I reflect on all the pointless formations and rules, I really have nothing negative worth saying about VMI. Sure, VMI has not been exactly what I thought it would be, but as I tell my rats, it is just what I have made of it. Overall, I have enjoyed my time here. VMI has afforded me the opportunity to meet many amazing people, and for that I am thankful. I could never have made it through without the help of my parents, especially my dad for showing me what it means to be a real man of Christ; Dr. Timmons, who convinced me to be a chemistry major (even if it was only a B.A.) and who has mentored me spiritually over the past years; my roommate, Macks, who has always been a source of intellectual discussions, pointless wrestling matches, and encouragement in my darkest hours. So as I leave "Mother I," I will not miss her but will have much gratitude for all the opportunities she has given me.

Cadre, Triathlon club, Pipe band, Navigators Bible Study

2005: David Beehler
2011: Wade Thompson, Mike Thompson, Daniel Emery



It's nice to have finally made it to the end. It's hard to believe how quickly it all went by and how all the good times and bad times felt like they were just yesterday. Thanks to everyone who helped along the way. Mom & Dad you two were always a great source of inspiration and your advice was always the best. Thanks Chris, if you didn't put up with all of my questions and constant nagging, I never would have made it through this class year without your help. Brett and Eric, you guys were the best roommates, thanks for the two years as your roommate. Also thanks for putting up with crazy phone calls in the middle of the night second class year, and for the 3 hour calls this year. I wish ya'll the best of luck in everything you do. And David, you are a great kid and a great rat, and I hope I was able to pass some sort of knowledge or know how down to you. Good luck with the rest of your cadetship and your future in the Army.

2005: Tom Innes
2011: David Gerardo



Christopher E. Duane
Psychology - Army
Richmond, VA



James H. Duke, III
Mechanical Engineering - Navy
Ashland, VA



Joel K. Enterline
History - Air Force
Warrenton, VA



No Information Provided



One heck of a ride this has been. To be here is something I still can't believe. I have a lot of mixed emotions right now, the strongest one being the voice going, "Thank god it's over!" Am I glad to be finished? Most certainly! Am I sad to be leaving? Just barely... There is so much ahead of me, so many things I can do now, how could I be down? I have to build a life for myself now... talk about a scary thought, but I can say with a great deal of certainty that this place has made me ready for anything that I will encounter.

I would also like to say thank you to all those that have supported me. To my mom and dad: thanks for encouraging me when I was at my lowest, and maybe paying off that SMALL bit of tuition. To Danny and Sandy: for taking me in as a rat and giving me that boost at the beginning of each week. To God: for always walking with me down the road to graduation and of course, the road to Malone's. To all my professors: the knowledge you have given me is something I will hold firmly too and continue to build on. And of course my brother rats, because without you I would have never made it through this hellish place.

I would like to wish everyone who has anytime left at VMI a safe and fun however many years left. To the freshman of S-14 all I can say is keep your heads down and persevere. Colin and Gabe I couldn't have asked for better freshman to take care of me, you guys were great. Ed and Joe you are two friends I will never forget whether it was summer time or during the year you guys were always there and I will always be there for y'all. Dave S. Dave and Kevin we will always have Buena Vista and High School. Lastly I want to say thank you to the other members of S-14. Reggie, Travis, Nat you guys took me in and I had a blast. Endless games on the 360 fun nights with the Canadian Mist and anything else we could do to pass the time. Thank you for everything, you guys have been great. To everyone else that I didn't mention (there are a lot) my friends are the reasons I made it through these past four years. God Bless you all.

Drill Team

Rat Challenge, Basketball Manager, Cadet Waiter, SUR1

2005: Boyd Correll
2011: Grant Martin, Matt Talbott

2005: Andrew Stone
2011: Apiwan Pinsaikeow, Michael Campos

2005: Trey Mercer
2011: Gabe Itoka, Colin Miller



Eric M. Esparolini
Mechanical Engineering - Army
Roundhill, VA



Bronzie R. Fain, III
Psychology - Air Force
Bassett, VA



David W. Feltes
History - Marine Corps
Chantilly, VA



No Information Provided



Well what can be said to sum up such an experience? What can I say to sum up my four years here, I can be boring and thank my parents, I can be typical and say how much I hated VMI but how glad I am I came. I could name some good times I've had but my memories are for me and not people who don't share them, I could be rebellious and talk about how un-conforming I am to a typical cadet. In the end it doesn't really matter, it's over and that's all I care about.



"Dancin Dave"

Thank you to all my family members and friends who invested much time and effort into my success. You are the sole reason why I continue to strive forward. I live each day only to try and understand life better. Something I have learned is that no one goes his own way alone, everyone relies on another. To those that I relied on, you have shown me the right path on the road less traveled.

Young Democrats, Philosophy Club (President), CCS (CIC), Ultimate Frisbee (CIC) Dean's List

VMI Boxing, VMI Power Lifting, Wrecking Crew

2005: Ronald Volpicello
2011: Michael Thompson

2005: Justin Fallin, Luke Moore
2011: Andrew Dionne

2005: Matt Lloyd, Brandon Haney, Joe Amerall
2011: John Rushton



Levon J. Fiore
Mechanical Engineering - Navy
Vienna, VA



George W. Flathers, III
Electrical Engineering - Air Force
Rixeyville, VA



Allan J. Fortier
International Studies - Navy
Wilmington, NC



I am glad that I am graduating. I hope the skills and knowledge I have earned at VMI will be useful later in life.



Well, it's been a good run. VMI has been the best-worst time of my life, and I thank God for bringing me here. It's never been easy, but it was certainly worth it.

Pete and Joe, you all run a good marathon! Andy, you're crazy and I love you for it. EE's, I'll never regret all-nighters in Nichols with the funniest 6 guys in the world; walking straight to BRC. Jimmy and Cash, you were great rats. Keep your eyes on the prize. Rob, keep the faith (2 Tim 2:2). Clint, I want to be at your Medal of Honor reception. Pringles, you've taught me a lot, thank you. Adam, I have a feeling that our adventures together are just beginning.

Brother Rats, if you ever fall on hard times, remember that you have a friend in me somewhere around the world.



To my closest friends: The years have flown by. It has been a great time living and working with you all. We've seen a lot of change here at our school but have remained true to the oaths we took as rats and to the true meaning in which this home of ours has been built upon. There have been many trials and hardships throughout our cadetships but together as friends, brothers, and classmates we have made it.

To my rats: Hang in there guys. Don't forget why you came here or lose sight of your goals. You're great guys. Keep it up. Remember what you were taught and always do the best you can.

To the rest of my friends and family: Thanks for your love and support over the years. I couldn't have done it without you.

To everyone else: Good luck on your future endeavors. God bless.

Navigators Bible Study, S2, IEEE, ODK.
Ranger Challenge

Cold Steel, Color Cpl, S-3 Sergeant, Battalion CO.
NCMT, College Republicans, Bodybuilding Club,
Club Lacrosse, Crossfit

2005: Lev Pobirsky
2011: Daniel Mahaffey, David Gately

2005: Jeff Durham
2011: Jimmy Stevenson, Clay Register

2005: Cody Grey
2011: Matthew Thomas, Jeremy O'Brien



Timothy M. Gallina
Economics - Army
Pittsburgh, PA



Jared R. Gastrock
Economics - Marine Corps
Shippensburg, PA



Andrew J. Gay
English - Marine Corps
Ridgeland, MS



"Fat Rat"

Well that's it, I'm done, I'm out of here. You can't stop me, I'm leaving. This was without a doubt the dumbest thing I have ever done. I won't miss the horrid bathrooms, expensive prison food, or disease ridden living conditions that are dangerously similar to a solitary confinement cell. The only thing that I will miss is the disgusting people who shared it with me. To my rats, Kelson Hurley and Rob Cole, I did everything in my power to make you quit, you didn't, and that makes you strong enough to finish the four years here. To my family, you guys put up with a lot of crap, and for that I am eternally thankful and in debt to you... unfortunately now we are all in debt. To my roommates Steve Bennie and Tim Beckley, you guys are the brothers I am really happy I never had... but you are the best friends I could have ever asked for. Between you guys and Nick's boys over in room 114 we've got the world shaking in her boots. Finally, but not least, my girlfriend, Sarah, you're the only reason I had the strength to finish. I love you, now let's go start our lives.



It's been an interesting 4 years but my BR's have made it a great experience. Thank you to my family for their constant support and most of all to Laura. You have always been there for me and I love you more than anything. Manny and Cippis, Meerow! Macks.....



"VMI has the best people I've ever met and the worst, with no in-between." This is how I described VMI to my rat roommate Donnie Glas. To the worst: your immaturity, selfishness and apathy have destroyed what VMI should be. I am ashamed that you wear my ring and will be receiving the same diploma. To the best: you will always be my brothers. It has been an honor to have spent these four years with you. We've been through good and bad together. It's for you that my ring is engraved: "We Happy Few, We Band of Brothers." To VMI: you're not what I expected you to be. Your sense of honor and duty is skewed and upsetting. Your double standards are disappointing. Your irrationality is frustrating. I came to you looking for a haven of personal honor that inspires students to better themselves. I feel like I found a glorious city in ruins. I love the idea of you, but you're not yourself.

Pipe band, ERT, Paintball Team Co-Founder, Newspaper, Life Guarding

Semper Fi Society; Jazz Band, Martial Arts Club

Glee Club 4, Sprint Football, Cadet Battery, Delta Company

2005: Rob Witcher, Paul Bryan, Anthony DeMarco, Edward Farrel

2005: Andrew Gordon
2011: Carolyn Kenaley

2005: Eric Kaltrider
2011: Zebulon Jones

2011: Kelson Hurley, Rob Cole
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Nathan J. Gede
History - Army
Hampstead, MD



Shane A. Geisslinger
Economics - Air Force
Midlothian, VA



Frederick D. Goodwin, IV
Economics - Air Force
Richmond, VA



Though I have spent the better part of these four years parted from my family, their support has guided me through and I love and thank my father Jay, Class of 1979, my mother Sharon, and my sister Julianne for all that they have done for me. To my roommates Chad and Big Rob, we did it fellas, I would have never made it through every grueling day without you. I love you both and will always count you as my closest friends and brothers. To our rats; Santos, Church, Cam, and Chaz, thank you for making this year so memorable. It's a long road and a hard road but it is worth it beyond compare, hang in there and know that if you ever need anything your dykes will be there for you and watching over you with pride. To the countless people who have helped me through the past four years thank you and I wish you all the best. VMI has been one of the hardest, yet most rewarding experiences of my life. I'm glad I did it and glad I will never have to do it again.



First, and most importantly, I'd like to thank my parents for always supporting me over the last four years. There were times I didn't want to stick it out, but you always helped me get through it. To my other family, BASECO, I couldn't have asked for a better group of guys to spend my last 4 years with. I'm too lazy to list all your names, but there's no doubt you know who you are...I love you guys and there is no way I could have made it through some of the darkest times of my life without y'all. We may never get the respect we deserve on the hill, but that's never going to stop us from doing great things...on and off the field. To all my boys up on the hill: Mo, Squirrel, Rm 142 (mad pipe), Tuttles, Squeaaaaaaaks, T Hughes, John David Wilson, J Rich, Peeler and everyone who I know. All you guys are the best dudes I know and it's been a blast doing some of the dumbest stuff in my life with y'all! And to Papa Bear. I love ya to death big guy...we made it! And to my rats, the best advice I can leave you with is don't ever take this place too seriously. I love you guys. And finally to COL Sadler and Coach Maini...I'll never be able to thank you enough. And I'm out!



I can't tell you how many times I looked at a calendar this year and counted the days until May 16th, 2008. This place has literally sucked the life out of me at times. Uncomfortable rooms, terrible food, clown-like uniforms, truly incompetent administration and midnight wake up calls from that antique heater are just a few examples of our lives the last few years. Was all of it worth getting a diploma from VMI? Only time will tell, but one thing I am certain of is that I have met the best friends I will ever have in my life. I would like to thank God for every gift He has blessed me with. My parents and sister have been incredible. You guys have supported me in every way possible: I'll never be able to thank you enough. I would also like to thank the football team, my high school friends, and my dyke. Most importantly, I would like to thank the guys. You know who you are. We have made through some tough times these last four years, and there will be more to follow. I will always be there for you, no matter what. Congratulations to 2008.

NCAA Track and Field, Club Rugby, Writer for The Cadet, St. Andrews Lacrosse (abroad), Honors History, 1st Bat. S-6 Lt.

2005: Ryan Schelske
2011: Jonathan Santos

Baseball

2005: Matt Smith
2011: Ryan Barefoot, Graham Sullivan

Football. Big Brother/Big Sister

2005: Lawton Way
2011: Tyler Reedy, Justin Hickman



Christopher W. Graff
History - Marine Corps
Vestal, NY



Alexander T. Gray
Economics - Army
Richmond, VA



Christian P. Green
International Studies - Army
Mason, OH



My time here, like those of many cadets, has been a mixture of good and bad experiences. VMI as an institution is not the most comfortable place to go to school, but luckily I was able to get over that. What makes this place worthwhile are my Brother Rats. Fellas. I will never forget you. Golf Company has been my home for these four years and they've been the best of my life so far. I wish everyone the best in their future endeavors and hope that someday we'll meet again. To my Golf Company patriots and friends Jared, Andy, Giles, Rob, Matt, and Tim- and to my roommates John, Josh, Mike and Alex, I wish you guys God speed and good luck. I can honestly say that describing what we've gone through is far too hard for words. Whatever the case, VMI is an easy place to hate and love. To the Rats, I wish you success with the rest of your years here. Uphold the spirit of the dykeline and never give up on yourselves, no matter how insane this place might get.



I think we are all a little restless now. The relentless schedule we march through year after year slowly transforms that true appreciation for free time formed as a rat into an anxious desire to get on with it; to see what is next for us out there in the real world. Although we all prepare to scatter to the four corners of the globe, I will always remember the truly great friendships I formed here. Thanks to my Dykes for showing me the lighter side of life and to all of you who made the best out of our time at VMI. How could I forget those weekend road trips, good times in the sally porch, the hong kong boss, and apartment 24? But, now it's on to life's next great adventure and then hopefully more after that. My roommates and those that might as well have been: The power asian, itchy hairy joe, getty, j-co, ale-x, the aerodynamically inclined honorable roommate, and the rest of the D Co. boys. You actually made VMI, or at least barracks, a fun place to be. The rats of 141: Academics. It's the only way you will get what you want. Brother Rats: Go forth and make money.



The VMI saga is over. While not always a huge fan of VMI, it wasn't always as bad as some people complained it was. The trick is to just let it flow. Not getting stressed... about anything was also key. The life at VMI has been diverse: The Good- Breakout, Ring Figure, First Class year, Foo Fighters, raising awesome rats. The Bad Fake - out, Tony getting kicked out, the boring of third class year, PT's. The Ugly- Living with Oxx. I wouldn't trade these 4 years back, the friend I have made, the opportunities I have, it has all been worth it. To my Rats: Don't b*#@#. I doesn't get you anywhere and it's annoying. Keep on being the smartest four kids in barracks, you are going to make us proud. We couldn't have asked for any better, and you couldn't have made it any easier for us to be DYKES. I can sum you all up in 1 word each: Alex: Hilarious, Lane: Hooah, Matt: Creeper, Dan: Relax. Overall I have been blessed that I have had such a great girlfriend that stuck it out all 4 years, that I made the best friends I will ever have in my life, an education that I actually enjoyed...and that I am done

Rat Cadre, Bodybuilding Club

2005: Aaron Earl Wallace, Rob Ricadella, Tom Largi
2011: Alex Cowdry, Chris Estrada, Paul Baik

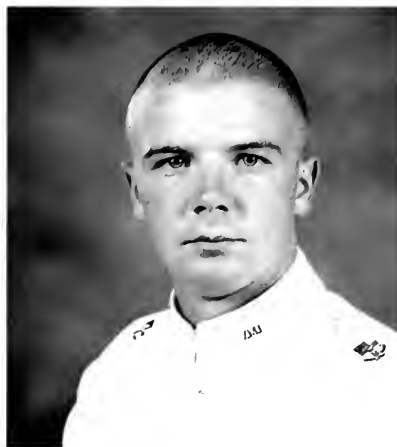
2005: Ryan King
2011: Adam Green

Cadet Work Study at Rockbridge Library, Lane walker for 4th class, FTX Club Soccer, Law Enforcement Club, Deans List

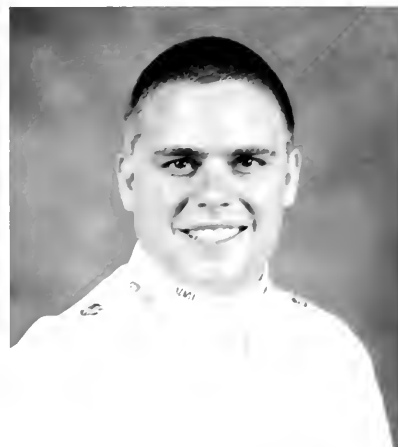
2005: Tom Ferrara
Rat 2011: Alex Scaperotto



Timothy P. Green
History - Army
Hampton, VA



Kevin W. Griffin
Civil Engineering - Army
Smithfield, VA



Edward A. Griffith
Psychology - Air Force
Wilmington, NC



No Information Provided



I'll start by thanking my parents, without them there is no way that I could have made it through this place. Next I want to thank my roommates and the few people in my class that helped me survive here for four years. I think that being here at VMI has made me a stronger, well-rounded person. I have done my fair share of stupid things while I was here but I feel that I have matured more than the average college student simply because I didn't have any choice. I think that my dyke helped me realize that. He showed me that to make it through here you have to be ready for anything. I hope by the time I leave I will have shown my rats the same thing. Although this doesn't always go according to plan, but that is where your friends come into the picture. They are there when you need someone to help you through the rough times or that extra pitcher of beer you ordered 20 minutes before Taps. So to all my real BRs all I can say is Thanks.



From the first few days here when I met Joey C it's all been one hell of an adventure the whole way through. Shane Joe and Nate, and Joel too haha, thanks for everything guys, we'll all be together the rest of our lives hopefully, and I never could've made it through this place without you. Summer school with Mulk and all the boys was another great part of my time here. To my boys on the rugby team, y'all are a hell of a crew we had some wild times.

Mom and Dad and family thank you for all your support throughout my whole life. I love you. James, good luck brother, you've got everything you need to go to the top man just keep up the good work. Jackson, Chad, Jason, Austin, Hunter, and James, (our 6 new roommates for the first semester of 1st class year) you guys are all great kids keep up the good work, good luck. To everyone else, I couldn't have done it without you, you know who you are. "No Worries".

Track, Rugby

2011: Patrick Terhune

2005: David Carroll
2011: Jenkyn Kittrell, Benjamin Martin

2005: Ken Cooper
2011: Chad Lawson and Jackson Calhoun



Jonathan E. Gunter
English - Marine Corps
Altavista, VA



Andrew C. Haines
Civil Engineering - Navy
Melfa, VA



Dennis E. Harbin, III
International Studies - Navy
Ashland, VA



First, thank you to everyone who has been there for me during the last four years, without your love and support I may never have made it through this insanity. An especially big thank you goes to my parents, who have been there for me every step of the way. Second, thank you ratics of room 130; you have been good rats (most of the time haha) and have learned well. Now use what you have learned to succeed and grow. Finally, thank you to my friends here; you made this place bearable, and dare I say it sometimes is a really fun place to be. Thank you all.



This place has brought on many memories, some worth mentioning and others you wish you could forget. It's been a tough time through the years and I wouldn't have made it through without the never-ending support from my family. Most importantly my pops because I love him and I am grateful for everything he has done for me throughout my entire life. If it wasn't for him I wouldn't be the person I am today. Of course I can't forget my boys here at the I. Trapster, Trey, K-Hill, Tuttles, B-Whit, Calvo, Webb, Harrison, Z, Jakes, Peeler, Wythe, Reegs, Jordan, Heath, Todd, Bacci boy, and everyone else who's been there, Goodfellas for life and nothing will ever change that. We have left a legacy here and stories to circulate around barracks for years to come. Travis, we've definitely been through some crazy times and most likely there will be more in time.



"I find the great thing in this world is not so much where we stand, as in what direction we are moving: To reach the port of heaven, we must sail sometimes with the wind and sometimes against it, but we must sail, and not drift, nor lie at anchor." The "Mother I" has certainly given us direction. Together we have faced many challenges and have overcome them all. We have seen and we have conquered.

It isn't easy to say it, but I'm happy it's over. There will be people and things I will miss, and things I will forget as soon as I can. I have made the best friends anyone could ever have, and I feel like I have some grasp on the man I want to be. A special thanks to my mom, my dad, and my grandparents - I couldn't have made it without you. And finally, I just have one last thing to say before I sail away: CIRILLO!!!!

Regimental Band, Ring Design Committee '08

NCAA Baseball, NCAA Football,
Sports Medicine

FTrooper, College Republicans, PreLaw, Croquet,
REG S- 5, Capital Intern 2(S)

2005: Jeff Durham, Tom Ferrara,
James Shambley
2011: Jerry Cole

2005: Matt Smith, Elliot Erbe, Jeff Demara,
Jimmy Thoms
2011: Austin Benda

2005: Jonathan Cirillo
2011: Daniel Michnewich, Brian Skiff



Brandon S. Harrington
International Studies - Army
Dulles, VA



Nathan W. Harris
Electrical Engineering - Air Force
Richmond, VA



Matthew C. Harrison
Civil Engineering - Navy
Great Mills, MD



I have enjoyed my four years at VMI. From the memories of ratline, studying abroad in Budapest, Hungary, Ring Figure, and first class year, my time here has been exciting and for the most part fun. I have learned a lot through the regiment of the Institute and am a better person for having gone through it. I thank my parents for believing in me the whole way through. I am engaged to a beautiful young lady, and looking forward to the rest of my life with her. To my rats...be good, stay strong and keep in touch.



It seems like I've been waiting to graduate since the day I came here. And now that it's almost over, I don't want to leave. These four years have been an experience I wouldn't trade for anything.

My roommates, Frank and Pete, I'm going to miss you guys... Frank: how you put up with me all these years I'll never know, and Pete: it wouldn't have been the same without all of our weekend adventures.

To some of the best friends I could ever ask for, you all know who you are. I would do anything for you guys.

Most importantly, to my family: Mom, Dad, and Nicole, thanks for all your support! I love you guys!

To the Rats of 145, work hard and your turn to get out of here will come soon enough. You've made me proud. Rah Virginia Mil!



Four years have gone by faster than I could imagine and now it's my turn to sum it all up. First off I would just like to thank my parents and sister, who never stopped giving me their love and support. I will never forget the cards I received that year that always ended with, "You may be whatever you resolve to be". That has stayed with me the entire ride through VMI. Second, to my aunt Monte Ann. I wish you were still here to see me walk across the stage, but I know you will be watching from up above. To my first 8 lacrosse brothers: K. Hill, Z, B-whit, Jakes, Peels, Bobby, Turner, and Reegs --- As Dougie Fresh would say, "It's not a sprint, it's a marathon". We went through the ups and downs, the wins and losses, and the blood and sweat. You guys made this experience one that cannot be rewritten. To the LAX Team and Coaches --- I love all of you guys! Let's bring that MAAC Title to Las Vegas! To S-II; JC, Lam, and Peels --- What a journey it has been! All of the crazy nights in 329, 219, and S-II are sure to be remembered forever! You put up with me throughout our years here and I won't forget that. I wish you the best of luck in your future careers. Finally to my Rats: Jamie and Zach --- You two were great! Time goes by fast so make sure you enjoy every moment along the way because it will last forever. "VMI has been no everyday experience, but rather a road that started left and ended right".

NCAA Swimming, VMI Theater, CCS,
Regimental S7 Lieutenant,
Cadet Equity Association

Club Golf

NCAA Lacrosse, Corporal, Sergeant, S-6 Captain,
Athletic Council, Dean's List, Undergrad, Research,
All-Nighter, "The 301" Mad Love and Respect

2005: Shushil Machhi
2011: Hunter Davis, Robert Jones

2005: Andrew Miller
2011: Michael Herron

2005: Sean Moore
2011: Jamie Wulforst, Zach Henke



Christopher J. Haviley
Civil Engineering - Army
Naperville, IL



Robert W. Hawley, Jr.
Mechanical Engineering - Air Force
Fulton, NY



Kurt W. Helfrich
English - Air Force
Ft. Belvoir, VA

"Havs"



VMI has taught me so much. It's given me the opportunity to teach myself how to lead. It has also taught me how not to be as a leader. I will never miss this place. I will not miss pointless inspections, new rules for no reason. "Trumps gets it", and being guilty until proven innocent. However, I will always miss my brother rats and the people here. My roommates and BRs have not only voluntarily put up with me but helped me through tough times. For this I thank you, Matt. I can't believe it has been three years. Ryan, when we got A-Is who thought we would have been such good friends afterward. Stu, please keep your sarcasm whatever you do. To my rats: Do not accept the political correct changes happening in our world. Always find humor in everything you do. As my dyke told me, "Remember that you are here, as I was, to triumph where others have failed, to prove yourself to yourself." I have seen the best and worst VMI has to offer and one can only hope that this experience has changed me for the better. Real world, ready or not, here I come.



I just want to say thanks to all my friends that have helped me along the way to graduation. I want to thank my parents, my roommates, and my teammates. I also want to say to my rats to keep pushing and I know that you will make me proud.*



A man of God in the Class of 2005 once said, "Going to VMI is like blowing up a balloon with a hole in it. If you pause for a second, all that you have seems to vanish away." How true and yet God is so faithful. "But whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ." - Philippians 3 : 7 As I look back on my four years at VMI, I can't help but realize I would never have made it to this day without the support of key people God put in place to accomplish His plan. I am in debt to all. To my rats - there are hundreds of ways to make it at VMI, do it your way. Find your friends and yourself, and NEVER sell either out. Always put your walk with Him first, and you'll be all right. "Road less traveled"

Rat Challenge, A-I Club, Special Actions
Detachment, Private

2005: Greg Staat
2011: Jeremy Chuidian, Quinn Wicks

2005: Gregory Van Pelt
2011: Matt Piazza, Lyden Van Den Berg

Strength and Fitness Club, VMI EMT Squad,
Officers of Christian Fellowship

2005: Allen Beall
2011: Greg Gibbins, Ben Smith



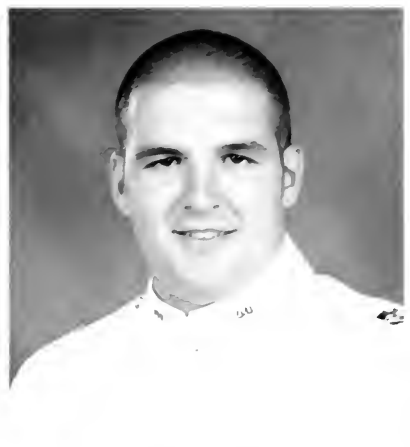
Timothy M. Hichak

Mechanical Engineering - Marine Corps
Midlothian, VA



Kevin D. Hill

Psychology - Army
South Hempstead, NY



Robert P. Hill

Civil Engineering - Air Force
Hummelstown, PA

"Hichak"



If you had told me at the end of rat year where I would be today I would have called you crazy. I didn't know at the time if I would make it through these past four years... This place has irreversibly changed who I am. I think mostly for the better, but I see things in myself that I hope stay here when I leave limits gates. I still don't know exactly why I came here, but the reason I stayed was because of my brother rats. I could not think of a better group of men to spend four years of my life with. I will never forget the struggles we went through together. I could care less about this place as an institution, it is one of the most hypocritical and backward systems I have ever come across. You can't justify saying that you like a place that you try to get away from at every opportunity. I think the reason people return here so often is that they miss the company of such honorable men that cannot be found anywhere else.



I want to begin by thanking my extended family and more specifically my parents & brother because without all of your support and love I would not have been able to make it through these past 4 years. I love you all. Additionally, I want to again thank my parents for all their support regarding my lacrosse career and making countless trips all over to see me play; it's greatly appreciated. Now to my roommates throughout VMI; Tutts, B-Whit whaaaat whaaaa, and Squeeks, we have had some amazing times together and I would not have it any other way. Tutt-- I'll miss our rides we've had together. B-Whit-- We have both helped each other out these past few years. I think we both know what I'm talking about. Squeeks-- All I have is "one wish". To all my other boys from Lacrosse to the Goodfellas, keep in touch and I love you all. Also, a special thanks to D-Fresh for everything you have done for me because I wouldn't have made the best decision of my life 4 years ago if it wasn't for you. Calvo-- many people doubted us & we proved them wrong.

Lacrosse. Private



If it weren't for Rob Jacaruso, I don't know if I would have ever heard of VMI, so thank you Rob (we owe Bernie for all this). I'd never want to go through this place ever again, but I have to be thankful because of the doors it's opened, the friendships made, priceless. Preston, no matter what anyone thinks of you, you made a lasting impression on my cadetship, and I can't say enough about you, take care of Madison! Matt, who would have known we'd make it to this point, by the way, where's Mike? Ha. And I can't go on without Mark, your stories are one of a kind, you've done so much for all of us, thank you (good luck next year! Shane, Travis and Nick, sleepless nights = endless memories, take care boys, we made it through! And the rugby team, Savannah? Need I say more? Now on a serious note, Poo-Poo and Grandma, without you, I'd be lost, thank you for everything (I got those STARS). Kristen, you've endured a tough year, but I promise the rewards will pay off, ily, meos! Andy, glad you choose UPJ! Mom and Dad, thanks for the constant support, whenever I needed something you'd answer the call, you'd drive 16 hours in a weekend just so I could come home, thank you! I love you Mom and Dad! MEAN IT! "On the whole, it is better to deserve honors and not have them than to have them and not deserve them." Mark Twain

Class Treasurer, VMI Rugby Football Club, OGA, ASCE, Big Brother, Private

2005: Matt Woyansky
2011: Jake Hentges, Taylor Godsey

2005: Matthew Hook
2011: Matt Long

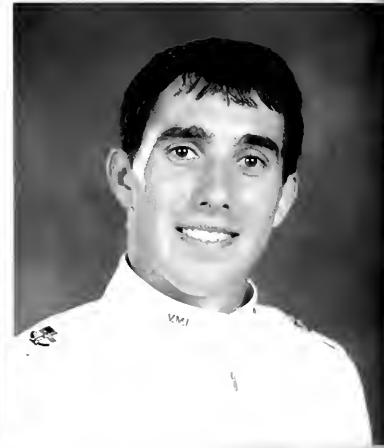
2005: Preston McFaddin, Tom Lee, Andy Stribling
2011: Patrick McDonough, Ryan Buell



Josef G. Hohn, Jr.
International Studies - Army
Oakwood, IL



Brian G. Holt
History - Marine Corps
Lanoka Harbor, NJ



James W. Horbal
Psychology - Air Force
Virginia Beach, VA



Well what I can say about my VMI experience. Priceless would probably be the only word that describes it. If I could go back in time and know all the BS we would have had to put up with would I have gone somewhere else? Probably not and for the sole reason of the people I have met along the way. First of all - my roommates; we've changed names through the years (Dirty 330, then 230, then Silky 1-5), but our friendship has only grown. From sleeping in Russo's car and using a pimp cape as a blanket to attempting to play caged dodge ball and getting embarrassed at Spring Break, the times have been countless and invaluable. It doesn't matter that Jared is moodier than a bear out of hibernation, Sully's legs are longer than the Newer New Barracks crane, or Matt is perhaps the biggest fella on the block. Second of all - my BR's; we've been there for each other since the beginning and will for years to come. We've had a great time and I expect many more. Good luck and Stay Ballin' Stay Proud



I can probably find 5 for the good times and 195 for the bad. But on a serious note, VMI has been one of the best times of my life. First, I would like to thank my Parents who continued to support me through everything even when I didn't want to hear it anymore. Next, my Dyke Brian Park, who helped me through the Rat Line and set me up for the rest of my Cadetship. Next comes the most important, my BR's and best friends throughout these 4 years. Especially, Nohe, Jason, Phil, John, Walter, Alexa, Andrew, and Alex (if he ever called back), this place would not have been the same without all of you and I have had a blast, but I know those good time are just the beginnings of a lifetime of memories. Joel and Dave, just keep it down the rest of your years here, there is a battalion trying to sleep. Chris Z., hang in there, you have two more years, but the best two. 122 Rats hopefully you have learned a lot from all of us; keep working hard, Good luck the rest of your time at the I and stay out of trouble.



VMI has taught me many important things in life. One, and the most important, is the true aspect of friendship. To all of my boys, love you and could not have made it through this place without you. My roommates: Jason, Calve and Rick, you are the best roommates and friend a man could ever ask for (MAD PIPE!!!). To my family, Mom and Dad, you guys have supported me even when I did not believe in myself and I love you for that. Davis and Wesley, I know I wasn't necessarily there to see you both develop into such great young men, but I promise no matter what I will always be there for you. To all of my boys on the soccer team, I love you all as well, it's been some of the most fun and worst times I have ever experienced, but we did it together as a team. Overall I am thankful that I got the opportunity to get an education at this institute, but I will not be sad to finally graduate and leave this place.

Civil War Round Table, Bugler, Rat Challenge
Company/Station Cadre, Pipe Band, Ultimate
Frisbee, Nerf Extreme Team

NCAA Soccer, Private

2005: Hunter West
2011: Eric Tyson, Ch. Cashen

2005: Brian Park
2011: Robert Chenault

2005: Brian Fitzgerald
2011: Zach Morgan



Ira C. Houck, IV
Civil Engineering - Army
Columbia, SC



Nikolai J. L. Howe
Mechanical Engineering - Navy
Wickenburg, AZ



Ying-Chieh Hsieh
Mechanical Engineering - Army
Taipei, Taiwan

"Bleeze", "Sunshine", "Quadzilla", "Goose"



I arrived here as a young man and matured through many challenges. My God, athletics, academics, and a social life molded me and helped me not only to survive but to thrive. Being introduced and becoming integrated into this brotherhood is an honor. I can now relate and share this experience with my family members who preceded me. I enjoyed some moments more than others but I am glad I came. My family members were a support; my friends here, once strangers, are now my brothers. F54L.



When I came to VMI I had absolutely no idea what I was getting myself into. I didn't even know what straining was... but I stuck with it and here I am today; happier than ever that fate brought me to this school. Justin and Dustin, you guys are my best friends. You never failed to keep me in check when things got tough here. I'm going to miss you. Let's set up that annual trip that we always talked about. To all of my other friends here: you are what makes this place, and you are the only thing that I will miss. My fellow ME's.... all I have to say is thank you. There is no way I would have made it without you. Gentlemen on the Court, it has been a pleasure to work with you all. Dane, each year it seems that fewer and fewer true VMI men come through this place. Surround yourself with these people. They will form the backbone that will allow you to not only make it through here, but to succeed here. Well..... The past four years here have been the best and worst years of my life, and yet another chapter has come to a closing. I am both happy and sad to see it end, but I am more than ready to move on.



It has been a great experience during these four years at VMI. I have met so many great people that have become part of the great moments in my life. I will never forget how much help I've received from them and wish I could be capable to pay them back in the near future. Here I will try to list all the significant people in my VMI lifetime. My roommates are the ones that had the biggest impact on me. from the many lessons on English conversation to the lessons on "American culture". Those people's names will never be washed away by the flow of time. Old monkey. Meggay. Itchy hairy, "JACK". Ale-x. and our room 141 honor roommate Aerodynamic head. One more person I need to mention is my power lifting buddy West & East combo. The unique system at VMI is about Dyke system. I am glad that I did not let my dyke (Chang) down and I am working to pass down the tradition to my rat little Hsieh. Keep "HsiehLine" strong. Four years pass by like the speed of arrow, and I understand that the important of best using my time to enjoy the rest time left in VMI. Once again. I want to thank everyone who had helped me before, if it was not for you it would not have gone over this smoothly.

Cross-Country, Track & Field, Regimental S-6 Honor Court
staff

Charlie Company: Corporal. 1st PLT Sgt. XO. CO:
Power-lifting club: Strength and Fitness club:

2005: J.B. Thompson, Reese Morris, Lael Bellotti
2011: Cody Davis, Felix Kitur, Sam Palmer,
Aaron Blue

2005: Rory Opanasets
2011: Dane Addison

2005: Hao-Po Chang
2011: Min-Han Hsieh



Michael P. Hughes
International Studies - Navy
Altoona, PA



Travis A. Hughes
Civil Engineering - Air Force
Gasburg, VA



Eric J. Hunter
Economics - Air Force
Madison Heights, VA



I came to VMI from my home in central Pennsylvania because I had seen the place visiting my cousin who graduated in 2003, and despite the pleas of my family to consider other schools, I really didn't. I think mostly because having seen VMI, I knew that I could not pass up the chance to try something different. It certainly was different and I don't think a day went by in my time there that I didn't curse the place, but I think I tried to make the most of it, and I know there is no other school in the world where I could have met people as good as the ones I met at VMI. Having graduated in December, I had the unique opportunity to spend my class's final semester away from the Institute, and even in those few months I have come to greatly value time there, and above all the friends that I made. I hope my fondness of my few short years there won't fade from my mind or my heart and I hope all the members of the Class of 2008 the best of luck in all they do.



I am sitting here today trying to think of what I would like to include in my personal statement, my last will and testament, you could say. I wanted to list all of the people that got me to where I am today, my Mom, my Dad, my sister, Emily, the rest of my family, the Luke family, Judge O'Hara, coaches, teachers, Heese, and all of my friends. Oh yea, I can't forget the roommates, Trey, Dawson, Maxx, Chris, Geiss, Squeakers, and Crantz. I also wanted to go into great detail about the goals I have reached that wouldn't have been possible if I had gone to any other school and my plans after school. And I thought it would be cool to tell some amazing story about something that happened here that I will never forget. It would also be relevant to include a few hard times that I have faced here at VMI. Then I realized nobody is even going to read this. But if by some chance someone does read this and is still reading this, I have a few words of wisdom. Nah, that stuff ain't free. Good Luck Suka and the rest of the 115 rats.



I could not have done this without GOD and my family. It has been a grueling fast, and exciting four years, in which I have learned a lot of lessons. I will never forget the friends I made, especially my roommates. I have found out that you cannot make it through here by yourself. You have to stay in faith, know that your family is always there, and surround yourself with loyal friends. It is sad to say, but I will never forget my experience at VMI.

Rugby, Timber Framing

Club Basketball, Body Building

2011: Zach Rhodes

2005: Eric Heese
2011: Alex Haittsuka

2005: Cody Grey, Doug McDonald, Chase Portt
2011: John Manning, Will Whitehead



Nathaniel B. Jackson, Jr.
Economics - Air Force
Fredericksburg, VA



David F. Jacobs
History - Army
Plainview, NY



William H. Jaeger
Civil Engineering - Army
Berlin, MD



Never Forget Where You Came From!



First, I would like to thank my parents. Without you none of this would have been possible. The times I have had here at the Institute will stick with me forever. I thank all of you that have been there to help carry me through to the end. Nick, Josh, Brian, and Eric I could have never got through here without you. To the 2008 laxers ; Z, B-whit, K Hill, Harrison, Bobby, Peels, Turner, and Regan you guys have been like brothers to me for the last four years and I will never forget that. Anything you guys ever need, just say the word. Pete, we made it "top of the ladder baby" we came here as high school friends but are leaving as brothers. Z, thanks for all the good times, I look forward to many more in the future; you are truly a great friend. To my coaches I thank you for your wisdom and guidance. To all of my teammates it's been a pleasure to step on the field with you. Rats of room 109 don't ever let hard times get the best of you, drive on, and keep your eye on the task at hand. I wish all the members of the class of 2008 good luck in the future and I hope you all find what is you are looking for.



As a cadet at VMI I've learned to hate getting up early; shining my shoes, sleeping on the floor (which I got boned for today) and basically being alive. If you know me and you know that story, then you know I wrote this the day it was due. I didn't even write this. It's being dictated. Long story short, the only reason I didn't switch schools was because I was too lazy. But that's all in the past. Now onto the part where I talk about how I love you all. The homework sucked but it did mean many late nights of "high-jinks" in NEB—which may or may not account for all the times I fell asleep in class. While we're on the subject, thanks for all the paper balls and "thumbs". You know who you are.

To my dyke, thanks for not mentioning me in your Bomb. To my rats, good luck in the next 3 years. To my girlfriend, go cook my dinner. Thanks Mom, Dad, Robby, and Danny. Thank you, to all my friends. I wouldn't be here with out you. And Frances.

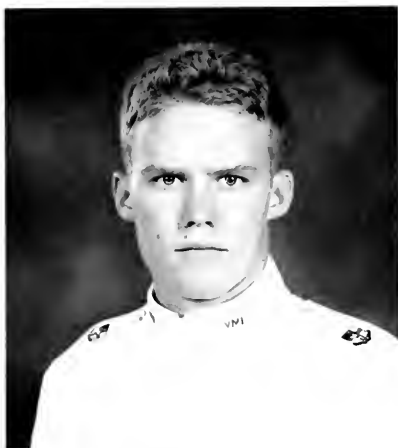
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NCAA Lacrosse, Virginia History Society, Pre-Law Society, Corporal, Cadre, RDC, New Market March

05: Abey Lopez
11: Byron Allen, Emilio Calvin

2005: Adam Noelte
2011: Garret Evans, Ben Schaeffer

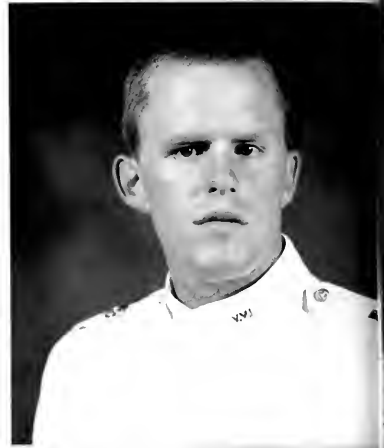
2005: Mark Iannatuono
2011: Jacob Norman



Christopher O. Johnson
Psychology - Marine Corps
Cary, NC



Keith P. Jones
International Studies - Army
Houston, TX



Philip A. Jones
History - Army
Maumee, OH



We've made it. I couldn't have made it, if it wasn't for everyone who helped me along the way. To my dykes: I hope I have lived up to your expectations while at VMI. If it wasn't for your guidance I might not have made it. To my rats: It has been a great year, but you still have a long way to go. Thanks for all the help and remember what I have taught you. To my family: Thank you for the support.



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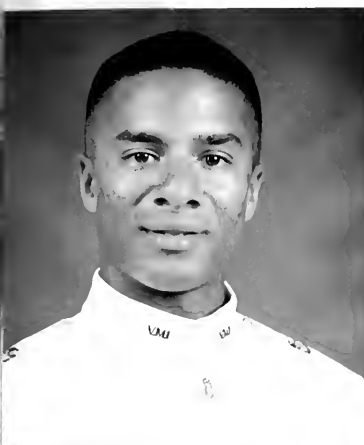
Philip Jones, a History Major from Toledo, Ohio, made the most of his time at VMI. Consistently holding Academic stars, he was also a member of the Institute Honors program while taking minors in English and German. His activities included Rat Challenge, Static Cadre, VMI Theatre, Glee Club, Pipe Band, the Drumline, the Bundeswehr University exchange, and VMI Coast Guard FTX. His Dyke was Brian Touhy and his Rats are Jon Twigg and Terrance Bishop. Philip would like to thank all of the professors and other officers at VMI who have made a positive impact on his life.

Deans List, Wrestling, Special Actions
Detachment, Battalion Color Sergeant, EMT,
Boxing, Psychology Club

2005: Reese Morris, JB Thompson, Lael Bellotti
2011: Charlie Gerkin, Joe Keese

2005: Mark Conley
2011: Thomas Pace, Quinn Brownfield

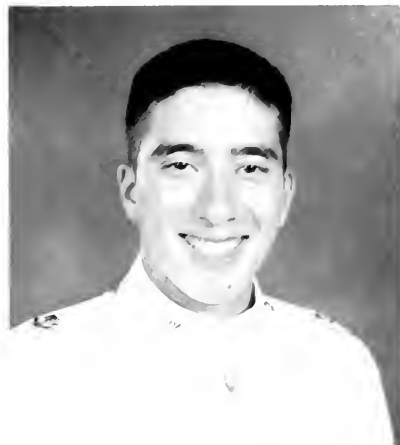
2005: Thomas Petykowski
2011: Terrance Bishop, Jonathan Twigg



Robert V. Jordan
History - Navy
Washington, DC



Michael K. Karlson
Psychology - Army
Chesapeake, VA



Robert T. Kelly
History - Army
Peoria, IL



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I suppose this is where I reveal all of my thoughts on VMI and the impact it has made on me in 200 words. I believe that these endeavors are more easily accomplished through my actions so I'll leave the eloquent writing to someone else. I would like to thank a few people. First and foremost I would like to thank my family. Without their strong and undying support I would have never made it through college at all, much less VMI. I would like to thank those fellow cadets of mine who I have grown particularly close to over the years. Isaac and Dave, keep your heads down but always stand up for yourself. I would like to thank notable members of the faculty and staff who have helped me through the years. I would also like to thank the Lord. Through Him all things are possible.

Racquetball Club, CEA



VMI has always been a home to me. I will be the first to admit, before I came to VMI, I considered myself weak, and so did everyone else. VMI changed that, it made me stronger and confident. Although VMI has been full of a lot of bullshit that pissed me off at times, I wouldn't be pissed if I didn't care. I do care about this place because it has done so much for me. To Stan, Zach, and Paul, thanks for putting up with me for three years and letting me borrow all your stuff, you guys are really great friends, and I consider you my brothers. To all my other Brother Rats, you are what made this place great and bearable. Luke, and my other rats, three years is nothing. To the Taylors for being like a second family to me. To my family for supporting me throughout my cadetship. Finally, to all those I ever influenced in 09' and 10', don't let this place go down the hole like I think it is, defend the ideals that made you come to this place, don't let them destroy it. VMI can be a great place: it's up to you to make it that way.

Golf Co. Clerk, Golf Co. OPSGT, Golf Co. Guidon, Cadet Assistant Weight Room, Ring Figure Ball CIC

05: Jordan Mills
11: Brodie Gleason, Josh Splinter

2005: Michael Tittermary
2011: Isaac Cryder, Dave Stronko

2005: Wes Feazelle
2011: Luke Leichty



Joel B. Keneipp
Mechanical Engineering - Navy
Charlottesville, VA



Ryan M. Kennedy
International Studies - Army
Oak Hill, VA



David E. Kerr
History - Marine Corps
Oneonta, NY



"That which I thought I was, I became." - Don Juan. I was not a military man when I arrived at this fine school. I came to VMI unimpressed and uninspired, but as soon as I met the cadets of Alpha Company, I knew I'd have a great four years. My roommates and friends here have been the only thing pulling me through. Thank you all. I'm still not the most military of men, but this school has taught me things I couldn't learn anywhere else. It has been the greatest privilege to serve as a member of the Honor Court. I don't love this school, but I respect it more than I'll ever admit in person. I've never looked forward to a date as much as I have for May 16th, 2008, but VMI will always hold a special place in my heart.



I'm not exactly sure what really attracted me to VMI. I still find myself struggling to fully understand this place and my cadetship. However, I do know that after four years I am leaving with good friends, amazing opportunities, and a greater understanding of myself. This is all thanks to my family, friends, mentors, and BRs who have provided me with so much support over the years.

If there were one piece of wisdom I'd like to pass on to my rats it'd be to embrace the challenges you face. The lowest points of your cadetship are what provide you with the most opportunity. It is through these experiences that you realize your strength, understand your limits, and discover your true brothers.

If there were one piece of wisdom I believe my friends and Brother Rats have bestowed upon me, it would be to embrace life. Always take advantage of the moment and live a life of no regrets.

Although I do look forward to picking out my own clothes and sleeping in a permanent bed, I believe I will miss some parts of life around post... just not for a few years.



I do not have much to say about the last four years of my life. I am certainly going to miss all of my BRs and especially Alpha 08. I am going to miss the J-dawg, K-Funk, John, Bogle, D-Rock, Daveskis, Chris, Turbo, Phil, Roger, Vishnast, SainBgay, Chase and many others including Lynn and Marcus (22s!). You guys are the only reason I stayed here. I always said IHTFP but I never wanted to be anywhere else. My desire was tested at times but it's not about how many times you get knocked down. It's about how many times you get back up. The man makes VMI and VMI will certainly test him. I thank my dykes for guiding me through my RAT and 4th class year and I also was lucky to have such good co-dykes in C-28. I am especially grateful for my parents who were especially supportive and understanding during my cadetship. They provided me with values at a young age, which were essential to my success. The RATS of C-29, Chesafreak, Bulldog, Lowskies, Kai and Booth (maybe someday you'll actually be on the ball) continue to do big things and make us proud. To my brother Steve, keep doing what you're doing and work hard for just two more short years and it will fly. I am proud of you.

Honor Court, S-1, Lexington Rescue,
Cadet Staff Reporter, Cadet Mentor

The Cadet, Private

Semper Fi Society, Strength and Fitness

2005: Jordan Prior
2011: Jonathan Razack
100 Class of 2008

2005: Alex Dunoyer
2008: Zach Freitag

2005: Brian R. Gorski
2011: Nick Ingold



Spencer M. Kimori
Biology - Air Force
Eldoret, Kenya



Matthew V. Kokal
Economics - Marine Corps
Chesterfield, VA



Zachariah S. Kovarik
Modern Languages & Cultures - Air Force
Clayton, NC



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First off, I would like to thank my hosts, (Dr. James Turner, Dr. Lincoln, Dr. Tim Lincoln, Nancy, Mary and David Dugan), my coaches, my family VMI faculty and all the VMI community. I have no words to express my appreciation to you. All I can say, God bless you all abundantly and promise to use that love, coaching and coaching you shared with me to share to other people out there who are in need. I will live for a principle or belief that I have learned from the training that I have received from VMI. Next, to my friends, Kevin Hill, John Richardson, Mike Karlson, Macksella, and John Douglas and all other friends and their families. Thank you. Thank you Kevin for the goodies. To my Rats, Crandall and Covalt and Kitur, I love you, keep up with good deeds. To the Class of 2008, keep your head up, there is a better day coming. Finally, I would like to promise my hosts Dugans, Lincolns, James Turner and Coach Spangler. Webb and a zeman that from my mind to the depths of my soul, I will yearn to achieve all of my goals that I have set though, not perfectionists, I will seek perfection to produce ways to put my talents to use, and when I'm done no matter where I will be, I'll yearn to do it all again. Thank you.

It is difficult to describe my time here at the “I” in so few words. The bad times have been made bearable by supportive parents and sarcastic friends. The good times, while few and far between, were some I will never forget because of the brotherhood we are able to share. VMI has taught me to be honorable, self-confident and resilient: I am a better person for it. To my roommates and friends, our unique sense of humor has been a welcome relief to the monotony of barracks life. It may have gotten us into trouble sometimes, but it was well worth it. To my parents, you've made all the difference. I wouldn't have made it very far without your support and the occasional kick in the a**

I had high expectations of this place. There are few who understand how disappointed I was as a result. 22 year old near-officers mumbling trashy gossip behind backs like they're 12. Full of arrogance, devoid of self-respect. Well we don't answer to you; never have, never will. Just remember you reap what you sow. I for one will maintain my standard: “fear no one; respect everyone”.

Despite all that, I am still thankful for those who've been my true friends: Alex, I'm still jealous, but I'm proud of you. Mike, don't ever grow up –you're just too much fun. Josh, thanks for listening when others wouldn't. Kurt, you always make life interesting ... I love you. Joseph, you're just awesome. Brothers for life, guys: some of my best memories come from our rooms. And Brian, hang in there, man. Finally the ratties. Jarrod. Zach. Caleb: don't conform – be warriors.

2005: Steve Bryan, Garrett Brickner, Ben Hobbs.
2011: Crandall, Covalt

2005: Johnathan Proctor
2011: Nick Engle, Sam Pace

Rat Challenge Corporal, Drill Team, S.A.D. R.A.C. Martial Arts. Boxing.
Library Head Cadet Assistant.

2005: Benjamin R. King
2011: Zachariah Kier, Jarrod Girod



Nicole G. Kozikowski
Psychology - Navy
Canton, CT



Justin K. Kunert
History - Marine Corps
Lenox Township, MI



Lynn M. Larson
Mechanical Engineering - Marine Corps
Denton, TX

"Koz"



"I never saw a wild thing
sorry for itself.

A small bird will drop frozen dead from a bough
without ever having felt sorry for itself."

-D.H Lawrence



Well, it's been a long four years and I can't wait to finally leave. Despite all the complaining about VMI, I'm still glad I came here. I've definitely changed for the better since matriculating, but I think that's because I tried to. You definitely get out of VMI exactly what you put into your cadetship, and I'm pretty satisfied with mine.

Semper Fidelis



Anything that I have accomplished since that day four years ago when youthful dream and aspirations violently collided is a direct result of others' involvement in my life: Annie Milbrink for her tutoring and quiet chastisement, SG Skelton for tempering my aspirations with reality, Nighthawk Squadron and Texas Wing for my first taste of command. My dyke, Aaron Childers for setting me up for success at VMI by setting a great example. All the professors for giving me the education that I came for and gains VMI so much respect, especially my advisor LTC Hyatt for all the late nights, use of personal equipment and work above and beyond his job description. GYSGT Johnson, CAPT Garaux, MAJ Diorio and COL Grace for their professional influence and genuine concern in shaping the start of my Marine career, as well as all of the NROTC staff. Nothing would have been official had Ms. Ayer not taken care of the paperwork and thanks to YNCS Johnson I am certified medically fit. Most of all, my family and friends for always backing me. Knowing that a peaceful place with love ones full of support was waiting for me during any furlough enabled me to do what I have done.

Regimental Band, Special Actions Detachment,
Swimming

2005: Colleen Wall

2005: Sophien Ben-Achour
2011: Travis C. Miller

2005: Aaron Childers
2011: James Booth



John B. LaRue
History - Army
Lancaster, OH



Dan H. Lee, IV
Modern Languages & Cultures - Marine Corps
Reston, Va



Roger C. Leonhart
International Studies - Army
Glenwood, MD



Applying to this Institution at the last minute and on a whim, I have discovered in my four year tenure here that VMI is not even close to what I thought it would be (nor, I think, to what it is intended to be). The citizen-soldier concept which I will always value as the cornerstone in preserving the founding principles of our nation, turned out to be a hollow front, lost amid an endless litany of black and white justice combined with the focus on a program of inspections and parades that has almost nothing to do with real military activity. For all fairness to the Institute, I now know that with a goal as a rule-driven creation of the true citizen soldier is perhaps impossible with the open boundaries of operation. In the end, I think I have taken away the lessons it sought to teach, though not through the ways the system was designed to impart them because the academic faculty, ROTC cadre, and most importantly my fellow cadets, made the place worthwhile.



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Thank you. I have learned so much over the past four years about everything. Everything I have and everything I am is because of my family, friends and mentors. Mom. Dad. Ross: you made this possible; you made me who I became and gave me the room to grow. Thank you. Dave. Phil. Chase. Evan, Nick C., and Jesse: you helped me grow here; you kept me sane when I got stressed out, and you made me laugh when I needed to. Thank you. Ryan, Sal, Nick E. SGM. CPT. Rabern: you taught me how to grow as a student and a man. Thank you. Rats: embrace the system, it will teach you so much that you can carry with you the rest of your life. you gave me one of the greatest experiences of being your dyke. Thank you. Matt H. Zach. AP's: Keep the faith; this school is yours now. For my other family, Wall Street and everyone else: it has been a pleasure. Thank you. "When a man boasts of what he'll do tomorrow, we should like to find out what he did yesterday" (Franklin). All of us have a solid yesterday; it's time for tomorrow.

VMI Color Guard, Battalion CO

2005: Brandon Haenny, Adam Gochenour, Anchanadet Banchusuwan.
2011: Suhkyun Baik, Christopher Estrada, Alexander Cowdry

2005: William Butt
2011: Hisham Yousif, Chris Hall

2005: Ryan Murphy
2011: Aaron Baez & Daud Semalulu



Peter E. Levrant

Modern Languages & Cultures - Air Force
Oak Park, IL



Bryce R. Lewis

Physics - Marine Corps
Salem, VA



Randall C. Life

Chemistry - Air Force
Elkton, VA



I would like to go out with the reminder that while we hate living at VMI, we love coming from VMI, and that is really the best thing to live by during your cadetship. Because of the opportunities offered here, I've not only grown intellectually, but I've made the best friends you could ever wish for. Furthermore, the emotional growth I've endured has been instrumental in my transition from boy to man. I'd like to thank my BR's, without whom, I'd never have made it this far!



Be cool, stay in school... for a fifth year.



Well my time at VMI can only be described by ups and downs. The downs should be obvious; inspections, formations, confinement, PTs, prison-like living conditions, and food that is... well it's Crozet. The ups though are all people and lessons that I will take with me for the rest of my life. Too often the rugby team, my roommates, BRs, and even my rats presented themselves as the reason I have been able to cope so well with the stresses of the Institute. Those are the things that I will miss about the Institute. Thanks to everyone that helped me make it out of here.

Glee Club

Rugby

2005: Jason Reinitz
2011: Adam Becker, Hisham Yousif

2005: Rob Gibson
2011: Richard Crozier

2005: Chaz Ehnott
2011: Henry Rodgers, Coleman Zwanzig



Travis R. Light
History - Air Force
Salem, VA



Alex H. Lim
International Studies - Marine Corps
Woodridge, VA

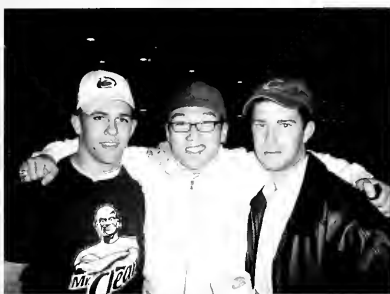


John S. Lingamfelter
Economics - Air Force
Woodbridge, VA



To my Dykes: I wouldn't have evolved into the person I am today without your guidance. You taught me not only how to survive at VMI, but how to succeed. You led by example and always expected the best. I hope I lived up to your legacy, for it was you who taught me what it means to be a VMI Cadet. To my Rat: You have proven to me you have what it takes to be successful not only at VMI, but in life. Make me proud. To my Family: Your support carried me through my time here at VMI. I love you, respect you, and thank you for everything you've done for me. Dad, what you taught me for the first 13 years of my life is a big reason why I came and why I survived at the Institute. Losing you only made me stronger, and without you I wouldn't be the person I am today. I hope I made you proud. To my Brothers: We got each other through this tough experience we like to call VMI. As happy as I am to finally graduate, it will be a sad day when we all go our separate ways. From Fake Out to graduation, I wouldn't trade anything in the world for the experience we have shared together. With much sincerity and happiness that I have in my heart, I call all of you not only my best friends, but my brothers. I'm here for you until the very end.

2005: Sam Stephens
2011: Jordan Peck



I cannot begin to explain the experience and the impression a place such as VMI has left on me. However I can definitely say that the one thing I regret the most during my four year stay here is not taking the chance to share the gospel of Jesus Christ as much as I could have. At the same time, I have learned more about the God we are serving and how to live our life according to His will. "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength." Mike, Josh, and Zac, you guys have made living within the confines of barracks worthwhile. Sure we're grownups now but the fun doesn't have to stop just because we don't live next to the bathrooms anymore. I hope I was there for you guys as much as you all were there for me. Rats, take courage and be strong and continue to walk down the path of righteousness and seek Him without ceasing. Love is the purpose of life. To love is the meaning of life. Love saved us. Love is the greatest of all things and may it be the driving force in your lives.

Religious Activities, Boxing

2005: Eric Kaltrider
2011: Joshua Pittman, Kyle Gianni



"Pffrrt"

John was a four year private who didn't take lip from anyone. He stood by what he said and took things in stride. He ended up living with me all four years and was eventually my best man in my wedding. He decided to commission 2nd class year and it was probably the best decision he ever made.

He hated waking up in the morning and his routine involved rubbing his eyes, farting, and trying to lie back down. He was a drummer in the band and hated every note he ever played.

ESPN.com was his homepage and every sports stat of every team in any sport can be quoted in a matter of seconds. I have too many favorite memories to mention, but a few involve weekends at the river, parties in Richmond, bird hunting, Hokie Football, and Miller Lite. I can't thank him enough for everything he has done for me. He taught me the ways of the south and the beauty of real barbeque. John, I'll always be a phone call away, thank you for everything.

2005: Jefferson Davis
2011: Matt Janak and Dylan Knehr



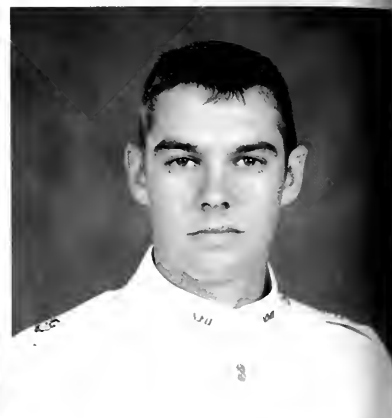
Christoph Lohr

Mechanical Engineering - Air Force
Rochester, MI



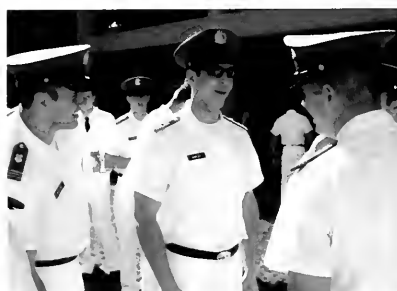
Christian W. Lomicka

Mechanical Engineering - Air Force
Pittsburgh, PA



Brett J. Lucas

International Studies - Army
Clearwater, FL



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There have been many smiles and tears over the last 4 years here at VMI. I want to thank my Brother Rats, especially my roommates Jared, Dan, and Andrew, and also Tom and Jay. We shared many good times together. I will miss you guys and all the craziness; Mom, Oma, and John. I couldn't have done it without your love, support, and sacrifice. Katie, thank you for always listening to me complain about VMI, and still loving and supporting me through it all. To my Dyke: Jim, thanks for being a great example for me. I tried my best to make you proud. To Andrew, Sean, and the rats in 116: Best luck to you in the coming years; remember that you are our legacy and make something out of yourselves.

Finally: "You are only as big as the dream you dare to live." I'm living it...

Club soccer, Regimental Band, Glee Club

2005: Jim White 2005
2011: Andrew Hilber, Sean Purnell

2005: James White

This school did not make me a man. It was never supposed to. The often-quoted analogy of coal, pressed and heated with great intensity to eventually form a beautiful diamond, is a bit melodramatic to say the least. In reality, VMI performed its function in a more roundabout way.

The lure of this school plucked me from a civilian college near a Florida beach and deposited me in a small Virginia town. Sure, there was screaming, running, and sweating. There were all-nighters, failed tests, and raging fights. They never really mattered. Weren't supposed to.

My friends matter. This Class matters. Our conversations- the mundane, the furious, the insightful- matter. Our interactions together have permanently altered our personalities. Our experiences are ultimately connected to one other, not to a barracks, a parade ground, or an institution. It is through this community that we have earned the right to call ourselves men.

For my Rats: learn to do what makes you happy. Plan, scheme, and think about your future, but don't forget to look around every once in a while. Think about everything. Never let anyone question your right to speak your opinion. Ever. Use your intelligence to your advantage. Defend your friends. Remember that honor goes far beyond four simple rules. Nicholas: don't second guess yourself. Make the decisions that you know to be right, and have the strength to stand by them. David: always remember that lesser men have suffered greater. Fight when you have to. Bestaubt sind die Gesichter, doch froh ist unser Sinn.

The Cadet Newspaper, Bundeswehr Exchange Program, Hamburg, Germany, Club Soccer

2005: Thomas Largi
2011: David Adams, Nicholas Chang



Travis R. Ludden
Economics - Air Force
Fredericksburg, VA



Lam N. Ly
International Studies - Air Force
Woodbridge, VA



James E. Lyne, Jr
History - Army
Maidens, VA



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In reflecting my four years here at VMI, a paragraph or two wouldn't do any justice. Therefore, to briefly sum up my four year tenure at the Institute: I came... I saw... I drank... I got my Ring... and I conquered.

To my Mom, Grandma, Uncle George, Aunt Xuan, and the especially good friends that I've made and the ones I've lost: I owe all my success to you guys, Thank You.



Well it's been a long 4 years, but I can honestly say they have been some of the greatest years of my life. I have met some of the best men I will ever have the pleasure of meeting and have made friends that will last a lifetime. For all those who will follow me, don't let this place get you down, because VMI is what you make it, so put out, make friends, and remember you are doing something most people could never do. This place is truly special, and hopefully it will stay that way. Thanks go out to my parents and my brother, without their support it would have been a rough ride indeed.

"That's irrelevant...what girl?...what room?" That Guy

"College! No Parents. No Rules!!!" Stu Montgomery

"Life is so good, and I do believe it's getting better." George Dawson

Don't brood on the bad times, cherish the good times.

Delta CO PVT, Cadet Waiter, BAMF Big Brother/
Big Sister

Croquet, CCS, Peer Counseling (ACIC)

05: Peter Johnston
11: Joshua Wine, Arhtur Gross

2005: Mike Parsons
2011: George McIntyre

2005: Greg Staat, Henry Wise, Felix Guerra
2011: Sean Pasley, Mike Hassan

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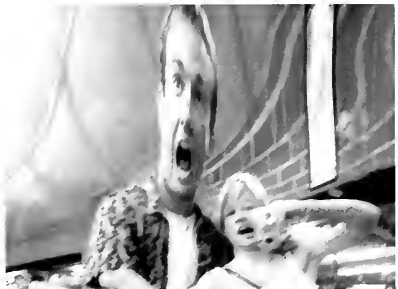
Charles L. Major
Electrical Engineering - Air Force
Richmond, VA



Kyle R. Makinen
Mechanical Engineering - Navy
Fairfax, VA



Jaime E. Maldonado
International Studies - Marine Corps
Orlando, FL



When you get close to the end you start to think about the beginning which I guess is natural, and looking back, whether I liked it or not VMI has been my home for the last four years of my life. No one wants to admit it, but it's the truth. I think I'm supposed to add some words of wisdom here so here you go. VMI is your home, treat it like it. The Institute is a part of you just as much as you're a part of it, so take advantage of the time you have here. It is actually possible to enjoy your time here, just do the best you can, and take it one day at a time. I couldn't ask for better dykes, rats, or roommates, thanks guys, you all are awesome. Famous last words... don't worry about it; it's a good idea.



I am leaving VMI with nothing but thanks. Thanks to my parents for setting a standard for me in so many ways. Thanks to my friends at home for supporting me, for understanding why I came here and for keeping me balanced. Thanks to my friends at VMI who know why they should be thanked. Thanks to all the other cadets at VMI for putting as much faith into the system as I have and keeping this school what it is. Thanks to my professors in the ME department for tolerating my persistence to succeed and being so accessible to my needs and wants. Thanks to the entire VMI system for showing me my abilities and what it means to stand out from society as a well-rounded man. My feelings of deference to VMI and of accomplishment have been fully realized as my cadetship comes to an end. So, my advice to underclassmen is to have faith and see it through. The hardest part is not the ratline; it is the entire four years. Lastly, I am proud to be from VMI and would not take it back knowing what I know now.



There is only so much that I can pass on to those that will read this. If you are reading this, means either you know me, or you are bored.

In saying that, to my closest friends, I would have to say that you should live life to the fullest, live it without worry, and enjoy the moments you have with those closest to you. When the time passes then those times are gone and they will become nothing more than memories. While you can make them memorable moments so that when you look back at how horrible of a place this was, you knew you still had a good time. If anyone really knew me and my roommates, they would know we did just that. Best of luck to you all and God Bless.

Fencing, Martial Arts

Institute Honors Program, Cadet Investment Group, Rat Challenge, Club Lacrosse

BSU, Martial Arts, Where's My Dart

2005: Will Ray
2011: Rainier Tangle, H. Eric Donley

2005 Dykes: Thomas Ferrara
2011 Dykes: Christopher Gearhart, Travis Daniel

2005: Charles J. Ehnott
2011: F Richard Powell, Sean J. McAbee



Christopher N. Malta
International Studies - Navy
Whitehouse Station, NJ



Jeffrey L. Marcey, Jr.
International Studies - Army
Palm Harbor, FL



Nohelia S. Martin
Biology - Navy
Triangle, VA



The greatest part of my day was the silent walk in the dark from the library back to barracks when I would reflect on my day. Thank you family and friends for supporting, inspiring, and challenging me throughout this unique journey. People are given very few life changing opportunities – VMI is that opportunity. James, Chris, Travis, Chen Jr., and Yen – keep pressing on, never yielding and you will do great things.



It was bonkers. nolf 3:18



I have just spent four years here at VMI and I want to thank Jesus for getting me through. When I look back, there are plenty of times when I only see His footprints in the sand. I want to thank my parents: Philip and Maria and my brother and sister: Philip and Carolena for being so supportive and understanding, and for never letting me give up. I want to thank Branden Delong, Brian Holt, Chris Bass, Drake Watts, Jason Pettengill, John Nikiforakis, Lynn Larson, Molly Newton, Roger Leonhart and Tyler Anthony for being everything a Brother Rat is supposed to be. Brother Rats, I love you all, I will miss you and I pray that God will protect you and give you the desires of your heart. Heather, you were better than the best Rat that I could have ever prayed for. I love you bunches, remember that you can do all things through Christ who strengthens you. (Philippians 4:13) I want to thank my room mates for the great times we had. Lastly, I want to thank Christopher Perry and Allen Coones, thank you for being my "Dyke" and being there to pray with and talk to.

Cadet Life, College Republicans

Football, Spring Ball

2005: Adam Frick
2011: James Clayton

2005: Chris Perry
2011: Bryan Deane

"The Bomb", Cadet Life, Cannon Ball Committee, Character Counts, Glee Club, NCMT, OCF, Rat Challenge, Ring Design 08, Study Abroad, SURF, CADET, Tour Guide, Bible Study

2005: Christopher Perry, Allen Coones
2011: Heather R. Schmidt



Dustin R. McCabe
Biology - Army
Gloucester Point, VA



Phillip W. McCloskey
International Studies - Army
Murfreesboro, TN



Brian C. McGettigan
History - Marine Corps
Columbia, MD



It's been a long 4 years. Nik, Justin, Ty, Tommy – You guys are like the brothers I never had. We've been through so much, and I couldn't have done it without you guys. The same goes for my family: the best parents anyone could ask for, and my favorite sister Ashleigh. You've been there for me for any and everything. I love you guys. Dad and Uncle Curt – I tried to make you guys proud. Old Corps, right? Thanks to Jeff for showing me the way and supporting me the whole time. Coach T, Coach Strek, and the rest of the team past and present. I've learned a lot from all of you, and being a part of VMI Wrestling for 4 years is something I'll always cherish. I would also like to say thank you to Col. Hurlbut and the Bopp family, you opened your home to me and helped me through this crazy VMI journey. I truly cannot thank you enough. That goes for all my friends and support, both here at VMI and back home. Jayme – always work hard, keep your head up, and surround yourself with honest successful people. Trust me: it will all be worth it.



My four years here have gone by so fast. It feels like yesterday when we were first signing the book. It's true what they say about this place, the people make VMI. And I know that I would have never have made it without the support and help of my friends. Dad, you have always been a big inspiration on my life and I thank you for all your words of wisdom and help over the year. Roger, Dave, and Chase, I couldn't have asked for better roommates. I will always remember our times together and the laughs we have had. To Daveski, Jaydog, Jake, and Joe, we have been on some crazy trips together and I have had some of the best times away from this place with you guys. Derek, Chris, Z, Scott, John, Brian, and Kevin, I couldn't have asked for better friends and will never forget the times we have had. If I had to do this again my only hope would be with all you guys again. To Matt, good luck with everything and remember all that I have taught you. To everyone else who is not in Alpha, thanks for all the memories and laughs. Alpha 08.



The past four years have gone by faster than I could have imagined. We complain a lot while we are here; but now upon departure I've finally realized that it is in fact worth it after all. The friends I have made since I've been here are everlasting. Drinks all around! We are all very fortunate to have made the choice to finally, "be from here", but as appreciative as I am, thank God we are leaving. I've been given more opportunities than I could ever have imagined. Nowhere else could one be given such opportunities. To my BRs, it's been a long stretch we've made it – I'll see you down the road – one way or another. To my roommates, if there was ever a dynamic room of people, it was ours, and I would not have chosen anyone else to spend most of my time with. Rats, stay on the course, stay on top of academics, don't let down, and go for it all even if you don't think you'll get it – go for it – why not? Farewell, see you all down the road. Cheers

VMI Wrestling Co-Captain

2005: Jeff Sparks
2011: Jayme Gordon

College Democrats, Strength and Fitness, Wall Street, Honor Court

2005: Jason Downs
2011: Matt Leccadito

Semper Fi Society; Club Boxing

2005: Lev Pobirsky
2011: Adam Black



Daniel G. McGraw
History - Army
Stafford, VA



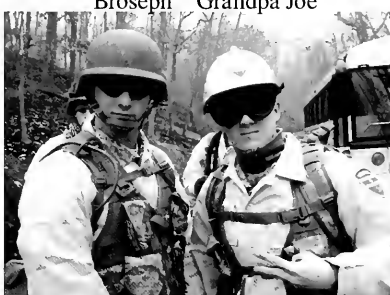
Joseph A. McIntosh
History - Air Force
Rockbridge Baths, VA



Daniel M. McKeegan
History - Army
Pittsburgh, PA



VMI has been the single weirdest experience I have had the privilege of going through. I've pushed myself; I've pushed others. I've seen human beings at their best, and I've seen them at their worst. I can't say that I've loved every minute of it, but I will always reflect with fondness on my time here. From the depressed first year, to the relative bliss of the third class year, to the relative bliss of the first class year. From bad grades, to FCP and amazing weekends, what I will always remember are the good times and the people I shared them with. Above all, I am proud to have kept my faith in what VMI was intended to be, and staying strong when times got rough. To my rat: You're on the right track. Remember to always do the right thing and to remember what I taught you. To my parents: Thank you for pushing me to go to college. You were right. I love you both. To the class: Mad Dog Delta!



"Broseph" "Grandpa Joe"

There is not a day that goes by that I, along with every other cadet before and after me, that I have asked myself why did I put four years into this place. Whether I stuck it out because of pure stubbornness, or because I just didn't want VMI to win is unclear, however I leave here with no delusions of grandeur that I am better off than other college students graduating this year. All I can say is that I made it. As for that I want to send out my thanks to all of those that supported me throughout my four years here. To my family, having y'all near for the first 3 years was crucial, along with all you gave me and those I brought home. To my roommates, both those gained and those lost, thank God the good times outweighed the bad, to Tyler and the other rats of C - 31... keep on truckin' it'll be over soon, but most of all to my fiancé Megan, for being there when I needed you and keeping me sane. Finding your love here was more than I bargained for, but worth suffering four years. I love you.



To My Rat: Enjoy the rest of your time here at The I. Don't worry the next three years will blow by before you know it.

To My Roommates: It's been a wild experience living with you guys. From our \$500 dollar Ring Figure tab to all the shenanigans in the room, you made the tedious day to day life at VMI bearable.

To My Friends: Let's get the hell out of this place. It's been a great four years with everyone but it's time for us to move on out and take our place in the world.

3, Ranger Challenge, Rat Challenge, Delta
ivate, OBDT

05: Tom Manley
1: Sam Bridges

2005: Astin Cam
2011: Tyler Byam

2005: Milton Aguirre
2011: Justin Burkhead



Alex J. Menas
Economics - Air Force
Farmington, WV



Joseph E. Messina
International Studies - Marine Corps
Stonington, CT



Stephanie A. Mills
Biology - Navy
Springfield, VA

"Muskkrat"



Friends, four years ago I made the choice to embark on this truly "different" journey through my college years. First, I would like to thank God, my parents, and my brother, who made it all possible. I came to VMI a macho high school senior, and yes I knew everything. Along the way, I indeed found that I do not know everything, and in many ways I had misjudged several things about the life I was leading. While thinking about what to write, a great friend said, "Write something with the future in mind, not the past." For me, maturing over the past four years has been an incredible experience. I learned to appreciate little things like a great book, a full night's sleep, and the joys of study abroad. To the future, I leave this place in search of fulfilling my inner void, hopefully through world travel, learning and growing as a person. I wish the same for my friends whether it be on the battlefield in Iraq, the corporate office, or somewhere half way across the world where the heart is content. Ryan, you are now a member of the family, as my dyke told me, stand strong, stay humble, and true to the brotherhood. I'm glad I didn't know the way it all would end, the way it all would go, but I'm glad I didn't miss the dance, Godspeed.

Cadre, Strength & Fitness, Study Abroad, RDC



How can I sum up my four years? I've been a giant toolbox and I've been a complete piece of S%#. I've worn 6 shirt stays at a time and I've worn my belt 3 inches to low. I've worn a sweet fade and the VMI rock-star. I've given myself razor burn and I've hidden a beard for days at a time. Honestly, the only constant in my cadetship is those people who made the journey by my side. Mom, you went from fighting back tears on matriculation day to calling me out when my uniform looked like @\$\$ first class year. Dad and Tommy, from Hunnannies to City-Subs to Malone's to the Palms, you've experienced the best that VMI debauchery could throw at you and not only held your own, but made the front page of the Cadet. To the original savages of room 323: 40s night, form 323s, drunken fist fights, we've gone through it all together. You are my brothers. To Delta 08, things got a little crazy there third class year, but we did it together and we did it our way. Finally to Sammy and Joe, never take this place too seriously; but never stop caring. This place will punch you in the face, but remember it's not the final score that matters, it's the amount of pain you are willing to submit yourself to in the struggle to reach the end. If you put everything you have into every fight, you will rise to the top. Thank you all for supporting me.

Delta 3rd CPL, Delta Ops Sgt, Delta fall from grace, Delta PVT, Reg S-I LT, Club Lacrosse

"Millser"



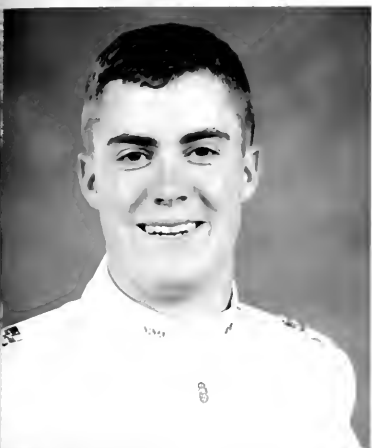
Well, it's time to say goodbye I guess. I don't know about the rest of you, but it was fun for me. At the end of it all I am left with a sense of happiness and contentment in the fact that I know I will have friends I can rely on for life. In the meantime I got a degree, met someone who I care about very much, and got a commission. Doesn't seem like a bad run of things. Duckie, just remember to keep your nose clean, and make sure that you follow your heart. To Calvin, we will be together soon. -Hobbies

VMI Regimental and Pipe Band, Timmin Gentry Music Society

2005: Timothy Rieken
2011: Ryan Byars

2005: Jay Coleman
2011: Sam Kang, Joe Kang

2005: Pamela Reeves
2011: Cierra Reaves



Devin P. Millson
History - Army
Nokesville, VA



Ryan A. Mingus
Economics - Army
Athens, OH



Matthew B. Mitchell
Mechanical Engineering - Army
Richmond, VA



Woody, it's been a fun ride. Over the two years that we roomed together, we only saw you three hours of work. At least three is more than the number of girlfriends you've had. We're definitely going to miss your endless personal narration about EVERYTHING you do. It must have been nice to come back to VMI from the greatest weekend ever, only to be beaten the next weekend again... and again... and again. The twenty push-ups you do every three nights definitely improved your childlike physique. After numerous poundings, it really helped you finally beat that female boxer. You always took a punch like you take a joke; not well, and then you whine about it for days. Speaking of whining, great job with the newspaper. You really helped produce a quality product. Too bad you won't get any credit since you were the Assistant EIC. Doc Christopher, creator of Slumber, really helped you not snore. God help the poor, poor woman who marries you. Day by day then you'll have a chest hair. Congrats on your commission and slip us some stuff from the PX. Honestly, you were a great roommate and friend, when you weren't kissing L - Train's butt.



So I have finally finished serving my time here at VMI... During my four years I constantly found myself wondering what my college experience would have been like if I had gone to a different school.... Well I can say that after four years of contemplating that question I don't care to know the answer. VMI has certainly made me depressed and confined the animal that is Ryan Mingus but I can honestly say that it might have been in my best interest. I have met the best friends a guy could ever ask for. I know that the guys I've met here will always be there if I need them, no questions asked. I've leaned on them and they've leaned on me, and I guess that's what this place is all about... I would like to thank my Parents, Family, GHC and the other guys that have been along for the ride. I hope I've helped you as much as you've helped me.



It's true, what you put into this place you get out of it. Days are long but time passes faster than you realize here. I had some of my best memories from this place and some of my worst. I will never forget the long nights of work but will also never forget the great times I had with my brother rats.

To my rats, Rob and Travis, study hard grades are your ticket out of here and how well you do is up to you. Four years goes quick here, may not seem like it now, therefore make the most of your opportunities.

To my co dykes Alex, Garrett, John and Rick, and the rest of my brother rats, well we all made it to the end, our Dykes taught us well good luck with your future endeavors, and if you ever need anything look me up.

the Cadet newspaper, Executive Editor of the Cadet, VMI Club Boxing, VMI College Republicans, Exchange program Hungarian Defense University, Corporal, "Hooah" Army Enthusiast 0, Private

2005: Aaron Childers
2011: Mario Giordani

VMI FOOTBALL, Cadet Advisory Committee

2005: Jeremy Ward
2011: Tracy Hairston, Bryan Barnson

Corporal, Guide Sergeant, Guideon

2005: Lawton Way
2011: Robert Knight



Artur T. Mkhitarian
International Studies - Army
Richmond, VA



Stuart M. Montgomery
History - Marine Corps
Sugar Land, TX



Jarrett D. Moran
Civil Engineering - Air Force
Collinsville, VA



Huge thanks to my loving mother and wonderful grandmother. Also, thanks to the few true friends. Good luck to all my BR's endeavors. Hard work with a little bit of luck!



I'm at the end of my journey at VMI, and it is far more difficult than need be to summarize my experience in 200 words. My ideas of grandeur are long gone from the Institute. I can't remember exactly what I thought this place would be like the day I matriculated, and I can't remember exactly why I came here. Although short, the past four years seem long in retrospect, and have faded my memory. I can't recognize myself from four years ago. I don't think that's a bad thing. I won't say that the person I am today is without flaws, because that would be a lie. However, my tenure at VMI has transformed me into a constant perfectionist, searching and fighting to become better in every endeavor of my life. The values and character within the walls of the Institute are absolutely powerless and worthless without the people here, and that is why it has been the greatest privilege of my life to spend four years with my brother rats, and friends, which are the best people I have ever met. Thank you, to all those that already know who they are, because I'm coming out swinging.



It is without a doubt impossible to sum up my experiences at VMI with only a few sentences, so I'm not going to try and write anything profound here, just a few thoughts that come to mind. At times VMI can be the happiest place on earth while at other times, manage to be the bricks tied to your ankles pulling you under. Why I chose VMI over a "regular college" I will never know, but looking back at everything I have been through and the great friendships I have made, I wouldn't change a thing. To my family for all their love and support along the way; without you I surely would not have lasted a second here. Throughout my years within the walls of barracks I have been fortunate enough to create lifetime friendships with the greatest guys I could ever imagine. Thank you to those guys who made this place bearable; to list only a few names would not even begin to do them justice. To all the CE guys I've spent countless late nights with; at last no more modules or all-nighters. Finally to the Rat of Room 153; keep your head up and always do the right thing, remember the high road is not crowded.

Rat Challenge, Strength & Fitness, Power Lifting, Boxing, Phi Alpha Theta, OGA, Corporal, Sergeant, Private, F-Trooper

Hotel Cadre, RDC, Undergraduate Research, New Market March, Hollywood Hotel



Michael S. Mozelle
History - Army
Fairfax, VA



Travis S. Mulkey
Economics - Air Force
Poquoson, VA



Frank R. Muntean, III
Mechanical Engineering - Air Force
Mechanicsville, VA



Conventional wisdom holds that attending the most difficult school will yield the best results, and I wouldn't question this. What can be questioned is how said schools achieve the desired effect. Many cadets come to VMI expecting to be taught all they need to know to be successful. Most of those same cadets quickly realize that being at VMI is far less enjoyable than thinking about or having graduated from here (I can't really speak to that yet).

VMI does ultimately force you to grow and develop in spite of its system. Most cadets develop a heightened sense of why arbitrary, irrational authorities are undesirable. The labyrinth of rules and regulations (the Blue Book never really is meant to be "fixed") forces one to learn how to edge obstacles in life. Cadets who take the most away from this experience I think learned to deal with their bitter-sweet affinity for the "I" with a little resolve, rather than becoming entranced with the more apparent but baseless advertisements.

A summary? I hated being here, but I wouldn't have had it any other way.



I speak for everybody who has gone to school at VMI, at first I was skeptical on my decision to go to school here. I would have much rather gone to Radford, James Madison, or better yet Virginia Tech, but I knew that I was going to end up at their parties anyways. During my four years as a cadet, I have formed some of the best relationships with my friends. If it wasn't for them I would have never survived this place. I believe that we all walk away from VMI with a different perspective on what this place has taught us. The most important thing that I believe VMI has taught me was courage. It was courage that got me through four years of this place and it will be courage that will get me through the rest of my life. Lastly, I would like to thank my mom and dad for taking care of me during my cadetship and I am in debt to you both for the rest of my life. Also, I would like to thank my brother, granny, grandma, and the rest of my family who were always there to give me words of wisdom when times were tough. With much love and respect I thank you all!



These last four years have gone by a lot faster than expected. I would like to thank my family and friends for supporting me through everything that I accomplished. I will never forget my roommates (rm.145) who made this place enjoyable and who always had a story to tell about their weekends. To my rats, keep on studying and enjoy this place and the time with your brother rats as much as you can because it will be over with before you realize it.

Det Opinion editor, NCMT

Baseball, Cadet Waiter, Trap & Skeet Team (CIC)

CIC Little John

2005: Ryan Murphy
2011: Alex Cowdry

2005: Jimmy Thoms
2011: Ronald Ellsworth

2005: Nick Taran
2011: Steven Henry



Petro S. Mycio
History - Navy
Old Bethpage, NY



Ania M. Najda
Civil Engineering - Air Force
Olsztyn, Poland



Timothy J. Neal
Electrical Engineering - Air Force
Hudson, OH



Success does not come very easy or very quickly, everyone knows this. My reasons for coming here weren't to abide by exacting rules and regulations, nor was it to undergo stress because of an intensive academic program, nor was it to lose precious sleep, and I assume the rest of the Class of 2008 would agree. Yet we all endured four years here at VMI, and though the four years here created some memories I'd be willing to forget, there are some memories which I will carry on as long as I carry on. VMI has been nothing but four years of hard work, but you know what guys, it was all worth it. We will all reap the benefits from the hard work and determination that we exhibited these past four years, and I believe this school will reward us for our efforts.

To the Class of 2008, whatever your endeavors or goals are following graduation, keep your eye on the prize and go and get them.

To my hometown buddy Dave: Remember talking about how we weren't gonna make it here? Well that was one hell of a ladder we climbed up, and we're at the top rung.

To Z: I'm sorry for being too loud when you were trying to sleep. Forgive me man, it'll never happen again. We didn't know each other until we became roommates. Now that it's over me, you and Dave make one heck of a pack. Let's keep that pack strong.



Christina and Jordan thank you for being awesome friends. I love you guys. I would not have made it without you guys. Gia, Megan and Nicole I am going to miss you. Life won't be the same without you guys. Hannah and Laura I was really lucky to have you as my rats and friends. Bye Bye VMI and no more you Alien .HAHAHA



Graduation has finally come, and I will be beginning a job somewhere in the real world. Everyone else will probably be in a different location and I probably won't see many of you for a long time. One thing I really will miss is having all my friends in one place. I wish everyone the best of luck and hope to keep in touch!

Club Boxing, College Republicans, Phi Alpha
Theta, Cadet Waiter
2005: Ted Henderson
2011: John Sisco, Mark Tomlin

XC Team (Captain), Track

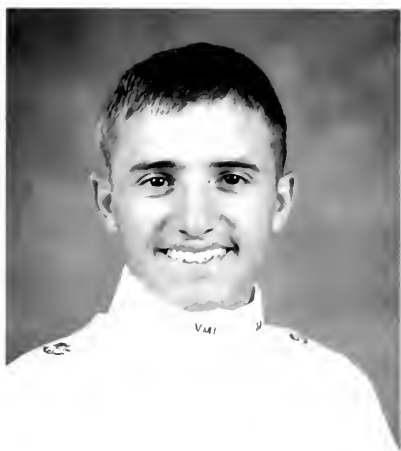
2005: Emily Naslund
2011: Hannah Granger, Laura Resetar

2005: Jeremy Coffman, Blake Barnard,
Wes Feazelle
2011: Tyler Pumphrey, Aaron Castro



Molly E. Newton
Biology - Air Force
Amelia, VA

"Molls"

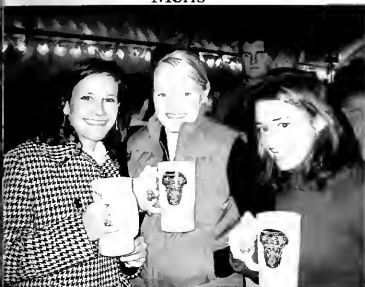


John P. Nikiforakis
Civil Engineering - Army
Swansey, NH

"Nick" "Thunder" "Green Thunder"



David M. No
Electrical Engineering - Air Force
Bethlehem, PA



Mom and Dad: Without you, I would have never made it through this place. Thank you for supporting me through everything that I have taken on, for all the visits, emails, and of course, the hours spent on the phone. I love you! Kady, I can't believe we have come all this way together, I couldn't have asked for anything better. Katie, moving in with us completed our room and I have loved it all. Y'all are both amazing people and friends and I can't thank you enough for always being here for me. Kara, you are going to do great things here and whatever you choose in life. Be confident and keep working hard! There are so many people to thank, I hope you know who you are and how the impact you have had on my life. You're some of the best friends I have ever had, and you're probably the best I will ever have. You have helped me become who I am, and I love you all! I hope for nothing but the best for you in the future! I have grown and changed a lot by being here and will never forget the lessons I have learned. I will always be grateful for the strength I have gained. It's been a long four years, thank God I made it. I hope to look back one day and only remember the good, and to know I did the right thing in coming here.



After being in the same STP English class with Nick, I would never have guessed that he would end as my roommate all 4 years at VMI. The only similarities we had were our dislike for our rat roommates and the daily question of why we joined the band. It would take more time and words then I have to fully describe the type of guy Nick is and what he meant to me as a friend. I have seen Nick struggle and thrive at VMI. I have seen him work hard and see that hard work payoff. I have seen his dedication to his family, fiancée, friends, BR's, and his rats over the past 4 years. Nick's loyalty and positive outlook on every situation will definitely take him far in the Army. I will miss the weekends, hunting trips, tailgates, beer, laughs, and jokes (haydown and loud music), but fortunately I left here with a friend like Nick where those times won't end with graduation. To Alex and Vinnie; Nick is proud of you guys. Think before you speak and always stand by your word.



The VMI web-site coins our experience as, "... a unique and demanding blend of challenges designed to fully test and expand the capabilities of each cadet." I completely agree and I think it's safe to say that one of those capabilities is to eat poop three times a day... a long time tradition here at VMI. If you've watched Fear Factor, then you'll know what we're going through. However, from all bad experiences come good ones. I've met a lot of great people here and it was probably the only thing that kept me going. So yes, here comes the long overdue part of the statement where I begin to thank people. I suppose it'll only make sense to begin from where it all began... Delta Co. You guys have been great and I hope you'll never change. Then comes the ECE gang who I've spent more time with than anyone on post. Wilf, Nate Dawg, Neal Deal, Major Major, The Wood, and O-Face... it's been great. I'll thank my roommates Philll, Adam, and Jon... even though I hate them. Finally, the grand finale to finish off the great statement. In all seriousness, my parents had the greatest contribution by always being there for me. The only reason how I've made it this far in life is because they were always guiding me in the right path like guardian angels. I can only hope to repay their kindness and love by being the best son in the world... oh wait, I already am. Since the majority of people have meaningful quotes, I leave you with this... "Never take life seriously. Nobody gets out alive anyway." -Anonymous

Club Soccer, Beta Beta Beta, Bomb Staff, Cadet Waiter, Dean's List

NCAA Rifle, Cadre

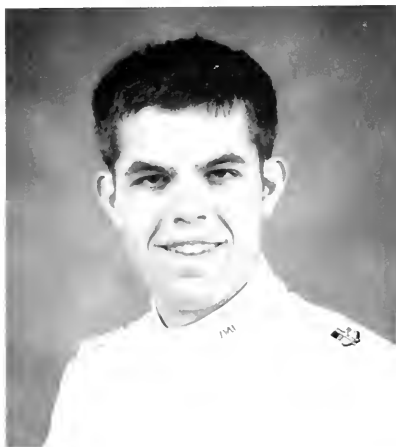
International Club, Body Building, Ring Figure

2005: Rebecca Baas
2011: Kara Noble

2005: Danny Fields
2011: Vinh Do, Alex Crow

2005: Kanchanadet Banchusuwan
2011: Samuel Kang

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Shane R. Nunes
Chemistry - Air Force
Shelton, CT



Justus K. O'Conner
Civil Engineering - Navy
Belmont, NC



Erik A. Olson
Psychology - Marine Corps
Springfield, VA



The road behind me has and never will be filled of all its holes and bumps. The only thing is to learn from everything and move on. I have met some of the best people here along with the most immature. Sometimes it feels like high school again with everyone caring more about what you do than themselves...but laughing it off has always been the best tactic. These past four years have definitely been full of their ups and downs. The main things I will never forget are the breaks from here and how much a relief they were. I will probably never talk to 99% of the people here ever again but to my true friends, definitely keep in touch.

To my roommates, Drake and Brandon, it has been a blast among words, and definitely keep in touch.

To the rats of 165, you guys have made me proud. Keep your heads high here and never give up. Andy, you have been the best rat I can ask for and definitely don't lose track of your goals. To all my true friends who have always been there, you know who you good guys are: I will never forget you and I have the utmost respect for all of you. VMI will definitely never be missed but the true friends definitely will.

To my family, I couldn't have done this without you. I love you all and thanks for the support.

"There is only one person who could ever make you happy, and that person is you"

American Chemical Society (President), Firefighter (CIC), ERT, NCMT, Rat Challenge, Big Red Club (Vice President)

2005: Alex Correll
2011: Andrew Jeter
118 Class of 2008



I am writing this only a few short months before graduation. It is hard to believe that my time here has passed so quickly. The events of matriculation don't seem that long ago, and when I think about some of my best memories I actually have trouble remembering what year they happened. The past four years of my life have blended into a single experience that has been, at times, tedious, demanding and depressing, but also fun, exciting and rewarding. It was an experience that I would not trade for any other. To my brother rats - especially my roommates and my fellow CEs - I thank you for the memories and all of the help along the way, and I wish you all the best of luck. To my rat - you have been the best rat a dyke could ask for. Study hard, don't let this place keep you down, and remember your dykes class. '08 '08 '08!

Tau Beta Pi, ASCE

2005: Kevin Jones
2011: Matthew Radi



Looking back on my time at the Institute makes me wonder about why I really put myself through the 4 years of this place. We were met with disenchantment about virtually every expectation that we had about VMI. We were treated with disrespect and unappreciated on a daily basis and always had to play the game that is living in a world where literally, "They're out to get you."

But pretty soon after I think about the great friendships and wonderful memories that this place has engrained in my mind p into my head. The hellacious lifestyles that I live, from the conditions that some slums would laugh at, to the unfortunate binges that cadets decide to endure, end up a laughable story us to talk about in 5 years while wearing our blazers in Moody Hall. There is not a doubt in my mind that this place would crush the spirit of any man that attempted to go through it alone and I really do thank all the "BRs" that helped me up in a moment of weakness (both literally and physically). You are the brothers I never had.

Nick, keep out of trouble and don't let the casual apathy that is so common among tired cadets infect you. I expect to hear great things from you and about you. Don't let this place get you down and always remember that life exists outside of barracks.

To every person that ever crossed my path over my time at the Institute, may God bless you all the days of your life.

2005: Colin Alstad
2011: Nicholas McFarland



Nicholas P Orzechowski
Mechanical Engineering - Army
Norwich, CT



Jonathan P Ostermann
Electrical Engineering - Navy
Daleville, VA



Mark P Parton
International Studies - Marine Corps
Orlando, FL



I learned everything I could ever need to know about having an excellent time from Al Chatwood - a legend. I took this knowledge with me into 3rd class year where I did everything in my power to stay sane while taking 20 hours and having everyone in barracks hate me for being Third. Second semester provided the escape I needed as I spent the most amazing six months of my life in Amman, Jordan under the pretext of studying Arabic. At the end of my time there my Arabic was marginally better, but I had had the time of my life. Second class year was a complete blur, but I recall that at some point I got my ring, accidentally threw it off the 3rd floor of the HoJo, and had to cover for my roommate's antics - truly a great time. First class year - I have been having as much fun as I possibly can before this all comes to an end while still trying to prepare myself for what lies ahead. I only hope that my Rats have half as much fun as I did.



As I sit here writing my final legacy for the Institute, many memories come flooding into view. The light tapping of my keyboard reminds me of my days in the Ratline. Running scared through barracks. I am the ghost rat, unseen but always there. The near tardiness of this writing reminds me of the all nites in NEB, drowning myself in rich black coffee to stay alert for just one more hour. The slow metronome like cursor on my screen sends me back to days of sore feet from marching PTs, and the confinement that not only imprisons the body, but the soul as well. The picture above this writing is not for me, but for my parents who helped me throughout this journey. The empty area below is for my rat, his history remains unwritten. Finally, the picture above is for the men of Electrical Engineering who have received many prank E-mails painstakingly written in this format.



No one gets through four years at VMI unless they become intimately familiar with the bitterest feelings of disappointment, frustration, hatred, and contempt. This place can really test your limits sometimes. That being said, VMI will never cease to be what you make of it. As with anything else in life, you can buy into the pessimism and negativity, or you can get back on your feet, smile, and drive on. Thanks to the efforts of my Brother Rats, I've been able to make it out of here not only intact, but undoubtedly better and stronger than I was four years ago. Nothing in the world could possibly persuade me to give up a single moment of my time here. Antiquing each other during Rat exams, Corps Trip third class year, Ring Figure, and Christmas Furlough before our last semester were some of the best times I've ever had. Even less positive incidents, such as helping each other get over impatient girlfriends and serving confinement together, were invaluable experiences that help define the bond we will share forever. While it will never be the same, it will certainly never be any less. We happy few.

ERT (ACIC/CIC), ERT CIC, Ranger Challenge, Model Arab League, Competition Pipe Band

Regimental Band, IEEE, Martial-Arts Club, Marathon Club

2005: Al Chatwood, Scott Kreckman
2011: Denis O'Reilly, Adam Woloshuk

2005: Andrew Gordon
2011: Todd Robison

2005: Dan Schreiber
2011: Mike Girardi



Joshua M. Patoka
International Studies - Air Force
Stafford, VA



David S. Patterson
History - Navy
Cannonsburg, PA



Gerard E. Payne, Jr.
Psychology - Air Force
Bedford, VA



VMI is not the world nor is the world VMI, but rather a game. I will take with me the brother rat spirit and countless unforgettable memories. I cannot complain too much since I had good dykes, roommates, and "studied" in Spain. We also defeated Tech, marched for the President, and realized Ring Figure is every year. All in all, it's great to be from VMI and it has given many opportunities I will never see again.



You all are truly my brothers and, after being attacked for our beliefs, I have gained closer friendships than many others. When we broke out our cadre told us "Remember what you hoped VMI would be when you arrived and work as hard as you can to realize that vision." I believe we have accomplished this as best we could. To my Delta rats, like my cadre told me, "Remember what you hoped VMI would be when you arrived and work as hard as you can to realize that vision." You are Delta Company be damn proud of that. Keep your heads high and proudly carry on our legacy. To C29 rats, you're on the right path. Remember what we taught you and do what is right. Finally to Delta 08, what can I say? You have always been there for me and are the most loyal men I know.



What a great and exciting journey that has been. Thank you to my family and friends for accompanying me on this smooth and sometimes rocky road. I would not have been able to do this without your continuous support, and I truly thank God for your placement in my life. My fondest memories of this place will be feeling the weight of my ring on my finger for the first time, knowing that I earned it, also leaving from summer session only to return a week later for football to exchange stories of how well we managed to fit an entire summer at home into a mere seven days. To my rats, remember every situation is only as good or bad as you make it. That being said, regardless of how bleak it may seem, see the best in everything and in everyone and you will never be let down.

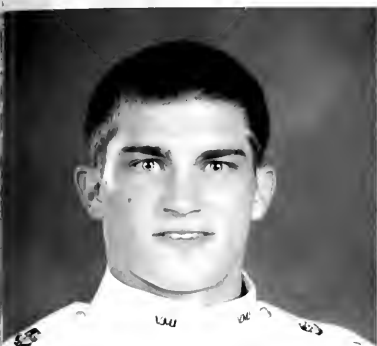
College Republicans, Academic Mentor

Delta Cadre, RDC, Strength & Fitness, Mad Dog VMI Football Team

2005: Wells Griffith, Chris White
2011: Trent Gordon

2005: Ken Williams
2011: Brian McDonald, Jeremy Lucier

2005: Jeremy Ward, Jon Wade
2011: Julian Bowers, Bo Wren



Brian A. Peeler
Economics - Army
Springfield, VA



Jason B. Pettengill
Civil Engineering - Air Force
Lanexa, VA



Glyn R. Phillips, III
International Studies - Marine Corps
Clintwood, VA



Adam, Frank, Tripp, and Allen, thanks for all your help with that first year and guiding me down the right path. Mom and Dad, thanks for enduring every bit of my shenanigans and all the opportunities you've provided me with. Matty H, K Hill, B Whit, Turtles, J Rich, Jeremy, Sam, Matty P, the lax guys, and a few others... thanks for the good times and stickin it through the tough. I'll miss 99% of you guys next year while I finish up what we started in August 2004. Otersen and the rest of the rats, best of luck to you, this place is a game, play it. I would also like to thank the summer of 2006 during which I was dubbed "The Rivergoat." Check ya later! GF's'08, my crew, my brothers, God bless!



What can be said about the last four years of my life? There have been good times followed by great times, and the occasional Special Report sitting on your desk. VMI tends to isolate you from the outside world. We live here all huddled together enduring the pain that is the life of a Cadet. But for some reason we stick it through, finding best friends and living life to the extent which we are allowed. It has been fun though and I could not have done it without the help of my Family and my Friends. In order to succeed at VMI you must have some type of lifeline, and my Friends are the best. Brian, Phil, Jared, Alex, Jay, Nohe thank you all for the memories that we have shared together. To my rats Josh and Josh, I tell you to enjoy life at the Mother I, it will be over before you know it. To my Brother Rats of the Class of 2008, Good Luck on your future endeavors! We have stuck it out for four tough years, now we have the rest of our lives to live with the friends and memories we made here at the Institute!



Standing at the pinnacle of our cadetship, we all take a moment to reflect upon the past 4 years and what it means. Oftentimes, we will be asked if our experience at VMI was "worth it". This is always a question that I cannot answer at once. Who could forget the silent suffering and struggling that we have all endured? However, flashing memories of Ring Figure, the Bristol Race, trips to Mary Wash, spending an hour arguing before we both realized we meant the same thing, trying to get people to understand what Hsieh and I were saying, near-death golf cart incidents, and a million other distinct and sometimes very hazy memories make the answer easily. When those pictures paint themselves throughout our lives, you can answer with a resounding, "Every damn minute." To all the Delta Dogs and groupies, you made these dark walls bearable. We were one of the few pure things that existed at VMI. To Ahmed and Chris, remember never to let VMI suck the life out of you. You suck the life out of it! To everyone: Buy the ticket, take the ride!

The Cadet Newspaper, Company Cadre, Marathon Club, Sprint Football, Ultimate Frisbee, Pipe Band, Nerf Extreme Team, Reg. Band

Delta Cadre, Delta, Delta P.V.T. Ranger Challenge, Power Lifting, Basketball, Lacrosse, Cadet Sports Writer

2005: Adam Noelte
2011: Chris Otersen

2005: Eric Huggard
2011: Josh Applewhite, Josh Kinder

2005: Aaron Gleaton
2011: Ahmed Conteh, Chris John



Steven M. Phillips
Business & Economics - Army
Golden, CO



Joseph G. Pickenpaugh
Mechanical Engineering - Air Force
Union, WV



John M. Pittman, Jr
International Studies - Army
China



First I would like to thank my parents who made all of my success at VMI. possible. I never could have made it here without them. Every time I needed something or someone to talk to, they were always there for me. Thank you Mom! Thank you Dad! I could not ask for a better family!!! Next I would like to thank my teammates especially the class of 08. Jeremy you and your family have been a tremendous help; anywhere, from giving me a place to stay during Easter to my roommate in France (did that really happen?). John I never thought we would have been as good of friends. Wythe, although you have to stay in the river for another year, you will always be in the class of 2008, good luck buddy! And I would like to thank my roommate for 4 years, Mark Woodard, for putting up with me. Finally, I have one word of wisdom to my rats Matt Deacon and George Handler and anyone who is bored and is reading some kid from Colorado's final words... You asked to be challenged and you asked for something hard... If you were not expecting it to be that way, you would not be here! This is the road less traveled... You are given a unique opportunity here; don't give that up for anything! Thanks for the memories VMI.

Soccer, Golf CO PVT, OGA

2005: Kirk Stokes

2011: Matt Deacon, George Handler

122 Class of 2008



It seems like only yesterday I arrived here as a wide eyed high school graduate to STP. Now, writing these words three and a half years later, I have a chance to reflect on my time here. From endless PTs and confinement to rules that feel designed only to waste cadets' time, every cadet feels some degree of bitter jadedness. However, things aren't nearly so bleak. We've all had just as many, if not more good times than bad during our time here. Late nights at Malone's, weekends to Tech and UVA, the infamous Blakey Escape, and GMTD: These kind of things are how we've kept it all together. These are the memories that we will define our cadetship with. To my Brother Rats: I wish the best to each and every one of you. We each come from different backgrounds, each with different goals and dreams. Regardless of where we want to go in life, getting our degree has been an essential step in getting where we want to go. Congratulations! To my roommates: Thank you. I feel that I have been made a better man from my time with you. If you ever need anything, don't hesitate to call on me.

Private, Ranger Challenge, Club Soccer EMT, Cadet Equity Association, Strength and Fitness

2005: Doug Aloisio

2011: Kyle Rose



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2005: Douglas Dobbins

2011: Brandon O'Gorman, Colin Sexton



James T. Pontius
Civil Engineering - Marine Corps
Midlothian, VA



Joseph M. Prinzinger
Mechanical Engineering - Air Force
Goode, VA



Joseph G. Rainey
Economics - Air Force
Bridgewater, VA



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What am I to say, that this place wasn't what I thought it was, and it hasn't taken anything from me? But truly I say God brought me here, and God has grown me here. The time spent here has been a crucible, which has burned away who I thought I was and left me with who I am, and with that strength. But what God really taught me was how to be a brother and a friend. To all those who I was a brother; you've been the most powerful blessing in my life. To those who I wasn't a brother, I'm sorry.

Through the bad, the good here is better received than anywhere else. This will always be a strange and special place to me. Which I know I will look back and smile.

To Bryan and Zac: I am proud of you, my rats, stay strong.

To everyone: May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.



First and foremost I would like to thank the IT Help Desk who in the past four years was the only fraction of VMI that have been nice, pleasant, and also helpful.

Thanks Ed, Shane, and Nathaniel for making the past three years as pleasant as possible under all of the shitty circumstances. Without a doubt this isn't the end, and I'm excited to see where all of us cocksters end up. I wish each of you the best of luck in any endeavors you choose to pursue, and if you ever need anything I'll be there as soon as I can.

Jason and Hunter: thanks for not really doing anything for me, and always being in my room. I hope it was as good for you as it was for me. To you, and all of the other rats in the room: just keep on keepin' on.

Delta Corporal, Btn Color Sgt, Btn S-4 LT

EMT, Club soccer, RAC

Golf Club, Cadet Investment Group

2005: Sean Matson
2011: David Perry

2005: Tim Johnson
2011: Zac Hartless, Bryan Mayberry

2005: Andrew Stribling
2011: Jason Cobb, Hunter Houston
Class of 2008 123



Brittany J. Ray
History - Army
Beulah, WY



Kevin J. Regan, Jr.
History - Army
Mount Airy, MD



Jessica M. Rheinlander
International Studies - Air Force
Manassas, VA



After looking back on four years of VMI I wonder at how much I've changed. This place has an amazing ability to strip you of everything you are not and show you exactly who you are in your bones. It gave me a chance to see the things I did not like and change into something better. When I was a rat, I would never have imagined that I would become who I am now. So in a sense, all the struggle and trial by fire was worth it, though you could not have convinced me of that when I was going through it. So I want to say thanks to the Ranger Challenge Team for getting me through my roughest years, preparing me for my military career, and really making me feel like I was worth something. To my roomies: I could not have dreamed of a more supportive room, you girls made VMI home. To my rats: I am so proud of you. Both of you have grown and learned more than I could have ever hoped. And to my family: thank you for loving me through all of this and sharing every moment of elation and despair with equal support and caring. It's been a good ride; I will never forget the people or traditions that I have come to love and respect. "You purchase pain with all that joy can give, And die of nothing but a rage to live;" -Alexander Pope

Ranger Challenge, S.A.D, R.D.C, 2nd Bat. XO



My four years at VMI are marked by dirty rooms, bad food, stupid uniforms, long days and short nights. Without the guys who made this place bearable I don't think I would have stayed very long. Calvo aka cuse partner in crime, Tuttle, Travis, Trey "Poppa Bear", Squeaks, K-Hill, B-Whitt, Matty H, Jason, Wythe, Jakes, Z, Geiss, Bobby, Peeler, Mulk, and everyone on the team - you guys made this place worth it. To the people who take themselves too seriously, good luck because you're gonna need it. To those behind us, good luck in dealing with an overbearing administration that is stuck behind the times. To the rats of Room 115: keep your heads above water, do work and don't do anything I didn't do...so pretty much do whatever. Lay that 12-inch galvanized steel pipe. I'd also like to thank my Mom, Dad and James for everything, love you guys. Finally I want to recognize my friends back in HoCo, especially Erik and Danny and Dan - you guys are the best. STEEL RAIN! "I'm gonna grab another beer...you get yourself together" I'm the Hiphopotamus my lyrics are bottomless...

NCAA Lacrosse

2005: Jeff Rummell
2011: Grant Martin and Norwood Richardson



Although it was my love for soccer which originally brought me to VMI, it was the people who have continuously kept me coming back. The friendships and memories that I have made over the last four years are irreplaceable.

I cannot thank my family enough for all their unconditional love, support (poems and care packages!) they have given me over these past few years. You all have been the sole reason for every ounce of success that I have achieved at VMI. To all those who have grown to know me, thank you for every little thing you did; it kept me going more than you know. To my dykes-Jessie, Kat and Gaby, thank you for being my voices of reason. To my partner in crime Bizz, thank you for always being there as my very best friend. Can't wait for next semester! To my Rat Kat, you are the sunshine that lights up my life every single day. I don't know how I would have made it through this year without JellyBelly Fridays. I am so proud of you and everything you have accomplished this year. Keep working hard, keep your head down, and find the fun in this place. ELEPHANT SHOES! Congrats Class of 2008!

Varsity Soccer, Lifeguard, Big Brother/Big Sister Club Softball, Private

2005: Jessica Stewart
2011: Katherine Hindley

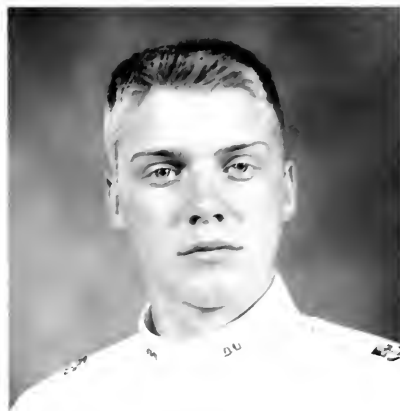
2005: Laura Mack
2011: Heidi Beemer, Ashley Camper
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John J. Richardson
Civil Engineering - Air Force
Virginia Beach, VA



Jordan M. Rich
Economics - Army
Bishop, CA



Evan B. Roddenberry
International Studies - Army
Vass, NC



Every time I'm away from this place I am asked "why". I always told them never ask why, that's when you start to head toward the door. It isn't until I saw the light at the end of the tunnel that I knew the answer to that question. From now on whenever someone says that one word to me, I would just point to anyone of my classmates, brother Rats, friends, roommates, fellow engineers, teammates, or anything you want to call them. No matter how long it takes to leave this place I will always consider it worth it because if it weren't for this place I wouldn't have had the honor to be in the presence of character and honor. I'm sorry I won't be there to see you walk but whenever you call, I will be there to catch you.



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I'm from a military family and I have been moving around my whole life. As I finish up my fourth year at VMI, I realize that this is the longest I've ever been in one place. I don't know if that is depressing or reassuring but it definitely says something for the impact it has had on my life. I will miss the people, not the place. My roommates made it for me. Kyle, we are the last two from 401 who stuck together. You'll work for WWE one day, I know it. Jer Bear and Ski, you are both out of control and I don't think my cadetship would have been complete without your influences. Matty, thanks for everything, you are a spewing fountain of knowledge. And to my sister, I'm proud of you and I'll always be there for you. Hsieh...Civility. To my BRs, I'll never forget the ratline and what it taught me. To the boys in Wall Street to whom I've sacrificed so much of my dignity to, thanks for taking me in. Thanks to the D Boys who I don't think I spent a sober moment with. With that, goodbye VMI.

Ranger Challenge, Rugby, Triathlon Club, Model Arab League

2005: Phillip Sauls
2011: Adam Ralston, TJ Green

005: Ryan Anderson
011: Korey Wessel

2005: James Hayes
2011: Kurt Gross, John Fede



Kady A. Rohan
International Studies - Air Force
Windsor, NY



Jonathan D. Roland
International Studies - Army
Finksburg, MD



Ryan L. Rose
Civil Engineering - Army
Bluemont, VA



Mom and Dad: thank you for all the care packages and your support these past four years. I wouldn't have been able to do this without you. Molly: you saved me 4th class year and we have been together ever since; thanks for being such a good friend. Katherine: we had some rough times in the beginning but we got through it, you are an awesome roommate and a good friend. Jes: I think you helped me as much as I helped you this year; it wouldn't have been as fun without you. Liz: I'm proud of you, don't ever give up. I don't have much to say, just that I hope that this has all been worth it.



The past four years have been quite the journey. I want to thank my Mom, Dad, Daniel and Jackson for all of your support. I could not have made it without you guys. To my BR's, thanks for the most memorable experience of my life...To my boys Bleeze, Kurt, Sully, Petie, Cristobel, Turner, Jay and anyone I missed, LOVE YA GUYS! 105 Rats...BE STRONG, the Mother 'I' will try you, but don't let it beat you. Franky and Cory get after it and make me proud. Great times remembered - wrestling on the 4th stoop, 3rd Class year (well it kind of sucked...oh well), al-magreb with the crew, RING FIGURE, first stoop...damn...WHAT A RIDE but now its time to sign off...farewell to VMI.



VMI, in its great ways, has taught me many things, like if it makes sense then it's wrong or that it WILL always be worse. But the greatest things that VMI has given me are honor, maturity, discipline, and self-confidence. "The thing you have to learn is how to walk down the middle of the road, where it is dangerous enough to be fun and yet safe enough to remain in the 'GAME'." Dad. With VMI this is true because the bad times are more frequent than the good, but somehow we still remain. Uncle Andrew predicted it, "I am the last of the bunch, but generations will follow." I don't know who to blame for this gifted curse, but I do know that 4 years is worth a lifetime. Uncle Graham, you were right, if you could do it then I certainly could. To all of my roommates and friends for being a heat shield and keeping me in check, to my family who supported me at all moments, to my Grandmom for awakening this monster many years ago, and to Mom and Dad for their undying love and unwavering support. Thank You. "Never get up for the let down."

Softball, Cadet Waiter, CCS

NCAA Track and Field, NCAA Cross Country, The Cadet, Body Building Club, A-1 Club, All-P, Club Soccer, Sports writer for "The Cadet", S-6, Team, Ultimate Frisbee, Timber Framing, Private 2nd Battalion XO

2005: Peggy Serig
2011: Jessie Rende, Liz McPherson

2005: Mike Duerr
2011: Frank Tontala, Cory Hendley

2005: John Kite
2011: Thomas Redmond



Sean J. Ruppert
Electrical Engineering - Air Force
Windsor Mill, MD



William M. Russo
Mechanical Engineering - Marine Corps
Scottsville, VA



Brian G. Sain
History - Army
Arlington, VA



VMI is a place that means something different to everyone that passes through its arches. Like the world, VMI is constantly changing; the difference being it changes at a much slower rate. Many of the traditions and beliefs have changed over time, but I believe the character and spirit of what VMI was founded on still lives on in those who really want to be a part of the system. I spent my cadetship trying to balance mischief and hard work, and excelled in both. From throwing a famous birthday party, transom bombs, setting fire to arms off, and joining the prestigious # 1 club, I will never regret a thing. I was privileged to be a part of Bravo Company, obtain my dyke's rank, and become a member of the GC. My accomplishment aside, there is one privilege I hold most dear from VMI. The privilege of spending four years of my life with the best group of friends I could have ever imagined. My roommates, rats, dykes, and classmates, I wish you all the brightest futures and want to thank you for making my experience at VMI one I will always treasure. I would also like to thank my grandparents, family, and my girlfriend Maggie for their constant love and support over the years.

Bravo Company, Ring Figure Committee Artist
Lieutenant, College Republican, PreLaw Society, Work Study Cadet, CIG, Cadet Lieutenant
C Secretary

2005: Mark Conley
2011: Thomas McDavid, Chris Kenny



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2005: James Favareau
2011: Christopher Newcomb



My time at VMI:
Here is remembering 446, Club 336, Frat 232 and Super 17. To all my roommates over the years: Joel, John, Scott, Jeremiah, Kevin, Chris, Derek, Joe, Paul, and Joey. Here's to the boys of Hardcore Alpha: David "Baby Dragon" Shedd, Taking It Too Far Phil McCloskey, John "Johnny" Walaski, Scott "Bogle" Sanders, Jeremiah "J-Dog/J-Sextoy/J-Sexpanther/J-Bone/J" Sexton, Chris "Leonidas" Lomicka, Jake "Captain Cob" Visneski, Derek "The Beastmaster" Bryant, Dave "Daveski/The Bushmaster" Kerr, Joe "Turbo" Swearingen, Kevin "Funkay" Funky, Chase "uuaaahhh" Williams I'll never forget you guys. You made VMI a truly fun experience. Here's to remembering Rat Year and balling corporals up and having cars and finding out about VMI's "underground" (you know what I'm talking about). 3rd Class Year and studying abroad in France and cars again and GMTD. 2nd Class Year and getting our rings, partying at JMU/Radford/Richmond/Shooting Guns somewhere in VA/ Halloween/Mid Winter Formal and outright debauchery with the boys, and finally 1st Class Year and last football games and basketball games and getting arrested and maturing and commissioning and graduating and saying goodbye to the best friends I've ever made. I only hope that on our 25th reunion we all make it back and party like nothing had ever changed. I love you guys (no Brokeback). To everyone else not in Alpha that I partied and chilled with: I'll miss you guys too. I will always value what my teachers taught me, what my ROTC cadre taught me, and even what the Commandant's office taught me. In the words of my Uncle Dyke (more or less): "I thank the Commandant's staff for teaching me exactly how not to be a leader." It's been real, party on. ALPHA 08.

2005: Jason Devine
2011: Thomas Graybeal, Clint Pendleton



Scott B. Sanders
Economics - Marine Corps
Sun Valley, ID



Jonathan F. Schmidt
History - Air Force
Manassas, VA



Patrick A. Schrafft
Mechanical Engineering - Marine Corps
Hudson, NH



I would like to thank my roommates who have put up with me for the last 4 years and helped me to grow as a person. To my parents for all the support over the years and for not getting too disappointed when I would mess up, typically just in time for parents weekend. To my rat, Kai, hopefully I taught you something about VMI this year, you have a pretty solid dyke line, don't mess it up...no pressure. To my teachers who have been very tolerant of me over the last 4 years, especially LTC Cobb, COL Bush and COL Morechi. It was a good experience, but I would never do it again. There is a destiny, which makes up brothers: none goes his way alone. Hardcore Alpha.



What can I say about myself in 200 words or less? Well, I guess I can say that the four years that I have spent at VMI were some of the happiest, strangest, saddest, and, overall, most challenging years of my life so far. I've met some of the greatest people that I have ever known. I found myself and my true calling in life. I can honestly say that I do not ever regret making the decision to come here, no matter how much I complain about some of the stuff that goes on here. This place has humbled me and made me into a better and undoubtedly honorable person. I had the best two rats that this place could give me and I wouldn't trade them for anything. Chaz, Carl, you two continue to do well here after I leave. I hope I left a good impression on both of you. You have both left a great impression on me and I will never forget you guys. The same goes with all you other 122 rats. Keep up the good work! BR's, it's been one wild ride here. Now, let's see what this world has to offer us...



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Cadet Battery, NCMT Cadre, Sword Drill, Rat
Challenge Cadre, S - 5 staff

2005: Mark Lenzi
2011: Kai Ingram

2005: Trey Mercer
2011: Carl Biggs, Charles Bradford

2005: Hunter West
2011: Zachary Huge



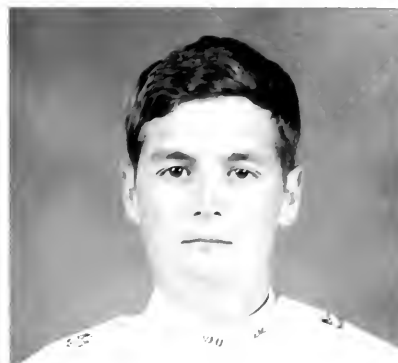
Jeremiah P. Sexton

International Studies - Air Force
Midlothian, VA



Thomas P. Shaffner

Physics - Navy
Highlands, NC



William D. Shaw

Psychology - Air Force
Vinton, VA



Wow! Four years have come and gone and I have to admit that they have been unbelievable. Some would say that VMI has been the worst years of their life but I would disagree. The friends and memories I have made at this fine institution have been well worth the blood sweat and tears. First and foremost I owe pretty much everything to my mother and father who have given me love and never ending support. Thank you so much, I can never repay you for all that you have done. To my roommates: thanks for dealing with my awesomeness for the last four years. To my rat Matthew Lowe: thanks for everything and congrats on breakout. Remember, you are my horse and if I have taught you anything don't be afraid to take anyone to the octagon. For all my brothers in the BBC, J-Crew and the Dream Time. Go big or go home. Also, please, please, please don't bring sand to the beach, it really doesn't need it their. I wish everyone the best of luck just keep livin the dream!!

Club Basketball, Strength and Fitness, Club Lacrosse

2005: Brian Nooney
2011: Matthew Lowe



I walked in a desert.

And I cried:

"Ah, God, take me from this place!"

A voice said: "It is no desert."

I cried, "Well, but --"

The sand, the heat, the vacant horizon."

A voice said: "It is no desert."

- Stephen Crane

2005: Brandon Strickland, Dan Schreiber,
Jason Devine
2011: Caleb Gibson, Zachariah Kier, Jarrod Girod



To everyone who was my friend at VMI I say thank you. This thanks excludes the folks who I would casually hey hello to on the stoops because 9 times out of 10 those were the guys who were waiting for any opportunity to get me kicked out. To guys that I lived with this summer...Dave, Kevin, Derek, you guys are the real deal and I am going to always remember the times we had in summer session. To my roommates, most of which are no longer at VMI. I say thanks to you all as well. VMI just couldn't handle you guys. To my roomies who actually get to see the graduation stage. Shane, Moo, you guys got me through my last semester. To all my bros in Golf - Spring break was a trip for sure and if you were there you know what I'm talking about. Jared...we been bitching and moaning about VMI since day one together so throw in that last dip and celebrate graduation...but then take that dip out cause that stuff is bad for you bro. Last but not least, I never thought that a couple games of Mario kart would have such an effect on my life at VMI...thanks Bone.

2005: Lance Bourassa
2011: Matt Flora, Kyle Goodale



David J. Shedd
Economics - Army
Vienna, VA



Jeremiah S. Shenefield
History - Army
Huntington, IN



Jared C. Siebenaler
History - Navy
Hastings, MN

"Sheney"



Most importantly, I would like to thank my God, my Shepherd, and the Creator of all. Throughout the past four years, He has proven the words of Isaiah 43 true and guided me through the waters and fire without harm. He always brought a Cool Breeze on the hottest days. Next, I would like to thank my parents, my brother Jeremy, and my family. Without your prayers and support none of this would be possible. All of you have been by far the most supportive people in my life. Words could never express how grateful I am. Finally, to all my friends at VMI, you are the ones that made being here really worth all the struggling. What we have is for life, no questions asked. John and Casey, thanks for everything. Remain true to God, yourselves, and what you believe in.



I thank god for all my roommates over the years, the rugby team and all the coaches, and all those I have been to the Palms, Malones and the Southern Inn with. In regards to my time at VMI, I may not have done it right, but I'd do it again...the same way -cheers



There is no doubt these four years have been the best and most rewarding years of my life. I have done just about everything VMI has to offer, losing and gaining much along the way. I could not have gone through this place without my roommates of the Dirty-230 and the Silky 1-5. They gave me my nickname "Bear", put up with my shenanigans, and always managed to get me in a better mood- I am going to miss them. We tore up the local colleges, made mistakes, and drank....a lot. I owe everything to my parents Mary and Dave, for getting me where I am today. Also, I owe much to my host parents, Craig and Patricia, who took me in as a scared pathetic Rat. We lived, we laughed, and we loved..

Rat Challenge, OGA, Cadet Newspaper Writer

Rugby

Golf Company Commander, RDC, Club Lacrosse
Ski Team, GHAT

2005: David Beehler
2011: John Digan, Casey McElligott

2005: Matt Dowdy
2011: Sean McLachlan

2005: Blake Barnard, Jeremy Coffman,
Wes Feazelle, Will Butt
2011: Noah Gibson, Andrew Smith

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Daniel M. Simpson
Mechanical Engineering - Army
Roanoke, VA



Brett G. Skoog
Civil Engineering - Marine Corps
Brick, NJ



Alexander J. Smith
International Studies - Army
Stamford, CT



First of all, I want to thank God for the chance to attend such a great school. Second I want to thank my parents, without them none of this could happen. I thank them for all their drives to Lexington, for Wal-Mart trips and setting up for tailgates, most of which were before I had even got up for BRC. Thank you for believing in me and always being there with words of encouragement. I also want to thank Gina for putting up with all that VMI could throw at you. Thank you for always being there for me.

To Ben, Jarrett, Tyler, Mitchell, Jared, Andy, Giles, Matt and Schrafft you guys are one hell of a group of friends. You made VMI bearable. I wish you all the luck in your future endeavors. I love you guys and you are the best bunch of friends a guy could have.

To the rats of 188 keep on trucking, and keep our head up. Remember what we have fought you. You are all that is left of us at VMI. Carry our legacy and make us proud.



To VMI: I will always miss being on confinement, marching PT's, the man being right even when he's wrong, the drama, and of course the good times.

To my friends: It's been a great run, we had some great times. I hope everywhere I go I can meet people like you.

To my roommates: I'll miss asking permission to turn the sun on, Waffle House, and some great story times.

To the rats: Don't screw up. You got a long way to go.

To my family: Thanks for listening to me complain about this place constantly. I love you guys and wouldn't have made it without you.

The past four years flew by and while I hated life at times, I wouldn't trade it in for the world.



A lot of people hate VMI. I hated this place too, until I realized that VMI is more than just Scott Shipp, NEB, JM Hall, Barracks and Crozet. VMI is not just the buildings we live in but the people we live with. When I think back to what got me through four years, it definitely wasn't the fine dining or exceptional facilities. It was my roommates, especially Second and First Class year, for giving me an audience for my hit-or-miss jokes. (Sorry Joe, Josh - it was harsh but definitely worth it) It was my professors, for giving me what really mattered in an education. It was the Commandants Staff, for giving all of us something about which we could be pissed off in unison. (I hope at least one of their heads explodes from actually being thanked publicly - I won't name names) I know VMI will change - the buildings will be redone, most likely without consulting any cadets - but the people will always be here for me.

Which is great because I won't lose any sleep when the whole place burns to the ground.

Hotel Company Cadre, Hollywood Hotel

OGA, Ring Figure Committee, Strength and Fitness, Work Study, Concrete Canoe

Rugby Club, Model Arab League

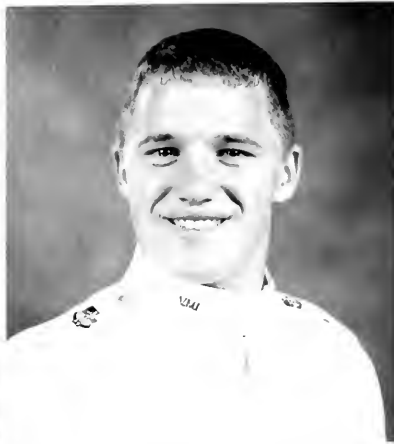
2005: Brant Wilkins
2011: Brett Waldrop

2005: Anthony Illiadis
2011: Alex Ray

2005: Aaron Thatcher
2011: Josh Geher



Garrett R. Smith
Economics - Army
Somers Point, NJ



John M. Sollock
Mechanical Engineering - Army
Huntsville, TX



Adam M. Spontarelli
Mechanical Engineering - Marine Corps
Midlothian, VA



VMI. Sometimes I still can't believe that I spent the four years of my college career as a Cadet at the Virginia Military Institute... wholly separate from the question of why. Beyond all of the cliché statements made, both good and bad about this place, there is no better institution to spend four years. Give me a community of guys that stand for something, that endure awfulness everyday, that want to be different. Yeah, we have people that shouldn't be here. Some slip through the cracks. And some are too fat to slip into uniforms. And some just do nothing and allow VMI to man handle them day in and day out and have the audacity to complain. They'll look back eventually and think about how much time they really wasted and that being a victim gets you nowhere. The people, the atmosphere, and code... things I will carry with me the rest of my life. I am thankful for the awfulness of this place. I am thankful to God that I have been a part of something. Thank you to Delta Company, The Corps and all of the friends, teachers, and mentors I have had through this long strange trip. Thank you to my family for their undying support and to my future wife Ashlyn... I promise the Army won't suck as bad as VMI.



I grew up in Texas and had never heard of VMI until I got recruited for soccer. I didn't know what to expect from this place but what stood out to me on my first visit was how genuine everyone was. My rat year was nothing special, it sucked. I, like a number of my peers, begged my parents at Christmas break to let me quit this god-forsaken place; my dad would have none of it. I am indebted to my dykes that first year in really helping me get through the rat line and making me feel like I belonged here. One of my uncle dykes told me during rat year that you will go to sleep as a rat and wake up a first. I couldn't have explained it any better....And finally first class year. I was lucky enough to know both of my rats before hell week and hoped that would make it an easier transition for all of us, it did. Caleb, Drew, you never disappointed. I was not always the best example but on the things I wasn't. I learned from my mistakes. Y'all have done a hell of job, keep it up. It will always be story time!



To my brother rats who have shared the hardships of which I never knew possible. My roommates for the neverending laughter and a relationship which I might even call friendship. My friends at Virginia Tech for always providing a place to stay and have fun. To my family for their endless encouragement and support that instilled pride in myself. Above all, to my future wife, Elise, whose devotion never weakened. When a hundred people told me it couldn't be done, you told me it could. You are the true inspiration behind my pursuits and the reason for my success.

Thank you.

Institute Honors, RDC, CIG President, Omicron Delta Epsilon President, Sigma Beta Delta, SURJ, Jazz Band, New Market Battalion S-I, Ranger Challenge, Sounding Brass, Cadet Advisory Committee

NCAA Soccer: S-6 Corporal, Sergeant, Bodybuilding Club, International Club, Ring Lieutenant, RDC, Planning and Events Chairman for Ring Figure

2005: Walter G. Shakespeare
2011: Daniel Sasso, Matthew Biebel

2005: Andy Karnes
2011: Caleb Boyer, Drew Luxhoj

2005: Matt Kurz
2011: Sang Hun Lee



Erin M. Squires
Biology - Army
Mechanicsville, VA



Andrew C. Stiles
Mechanical Engineering - Army
Washington, PA



Walter A. Stull
Chemistry - Navy
Westminister, MD



To the two rents who raised me, who gave me my imagination room to grow, who were there when I needed them, who gave me my independence, who made me into the woman I am today...thank you! To my partner in crime, my big sis, my best friend forever...thank you. To the greatest dog that ever lived, RIP muffin...thank you! To the person that was my best friend in the Ville and an even greater friend now as we graduate VMI and the big W, with the big guns...thank you! To all those I played soccer with, to all those I have met along the way, the professors, the faculty... to my friends, my roommates... thank you! To the adventures at H.J., trips to richWhat, the News, the burg... thank you for making me happy. Finally, to the buddy I found in the end, the pbjs, the nudges, and even the other 5... thank you! Zippy, Squirts, Squirrel... Erin is OUT.



My four years at VMI were the best and worst times of my life. Engineering made the Ratline look easy and I thought about switching to History and joining the Air Force. I've had great times partying with my friends and BR's, and those are the times I'll remember. From running Open Houses to hours in Maj. Fridley's "House of Pain," I've found that there's no difference between knowing what you're doing and looking like you know what you're doing. I learned what true leadership looks like from my friend and mentor, Brian Kerrebrock. To my dykes, thanks for keeping us out of trouble, and getting us drunk on Fake - Out (God that sucked); I'll be in touch. To the Rats, keep your eyes on the prize; it'll be here before you know it. I'll check up on you; I know you'll both do well. Finally, to my Brother Rats: You guys are the greatest group of men and women that I've had the honor to know. I'm proud to call you all Brother Rat, and I wish you the best in whatever you do after graduation. I'll see you at the five year reunion. Good luck, and stay frosty out there.



VMI is a very strange place. I have never loved and hated something so much at one time in my life. Even on the worst days here at the "I". I could always count on my best friends to cheer me up and that never changed for my whole cadetship. Thanks to everyone that made my time at VMI bittersweet and especially to my parents, Ron and Nada Stull. They taught me everything from getting the job at hand done all the time, every time, to always having a sense of humor. I love both of you very much. For my rats, Josh and Danny. Challenge yourselves to always be better. Never quit. Make me proud. Finally, to Alexa, you have taught me a lot about myself and you are my best friend. I am lucky to have found someone with such a big heart and so ambitious. With VMI behind me. I am glad to be starting a new chapter of my life.

King Design Committee, Sounding Brass Editor, NCAA Women's Soccer (Co-Captain) Dean's List

S5 Staff, S7 Staff, S3 Staff, Special Actions Detachment, New Cadet Military Training Mil Skills Instructor, Fencing Team. The Commanders Jazz Band

Swim Team, Reg band

2005: Kat Aldrich
2011: Angela Redmond, Jennifer Ball

2005: Lael Bellotti
2011: Rick Lynch, Tom Hamlin

2005: Mark Iannatuano
2011: Josh Jeffcoat, Danny Concepcion



Andrew J. Sullivan
International Studies - Army
Erie, PA



David P. Sullivan
Psychology - Air Force
Yorktown, VA



Kevin M. Sullivan
Computer Science - Navy
Nokesville, VA



In looking back on my cadetship I realize that there is no way I could have ever made it four years here without the help of so many different people. As a rat I hated this place, and dreamt of leaving here but my pride and the feeling that my family would be disappointed in me kept me here. Thus, the first people I really have to thank are my mom, dad, and brother for supporting me here. However, the people who have affected me the most are my friends. I know it's hackneyed but, my brother rats are the people most responsible for my success here. My friends know who they are and so I won't name them, but I will say that without seeing them everyday, I could never have handled the soul crushing routine of this place. My BR's have helped me through VMI and I have no doubt that we will remain great friends after VMI and that they will continue to help me in life after VMI. So, in closing, I again just want to say thank you and I love you to all the people who have helped me through VMI.

Club Lacrosse, Color Guard, Being Hooah



I think the smartest thing I did at VMI was graduating early. If you are reading this right now, do everything in your power to do so. As with most people, VMI has its ups and downs, mainly the latter. However, VMI did actually do some good in my life; I've got a lot to show for it and don't think I would have done things differently.

I don't think I'll miss much of anything, except for the guys of room 3-2-173, Mother Travis and AA Jake. I know we will always keep in touch and definitely have some more debacles very soon.

Steve the rat, get AC days.

Rat Challenge



All I can say is: It's about time! More importantly though, I want to say thank you to all the people who helped me along the way. I couldn't have done it without you guys. Ben, Donnie, Cory, Kurt, Pat, Dan, Eddie, Johnny, Chris, Mikey, Antonio, Tim, Will, my dykes, and tons more people than I can't fit on this page, you all have made this place worth while. I hope I helped you guys as much as you helped me. I will always remember the long nights in the lab, the long runs on Enfield, Cory running into walls, Kurt Maler's antics, Elmo voices, getting some cereal, searching for hidden tunnels, shaving heads, Sundays at Ben's, and a bunch of other dumb stuff that was incredibly fun. I wish everyone success wherever they decide to go and hopefully I will see you guys along the way. If any of you guys need anything, please don't hesitate to ask.

To my rats: Although we may have been hard on you at times in the room, we are all proud of you guys and wish you guys the best at school and in whatever you decide to do. Just remember that it isn't the places you go or the things you do, it is the people you meet along the way that make life worth living.

Work Wins! F54L! PS.

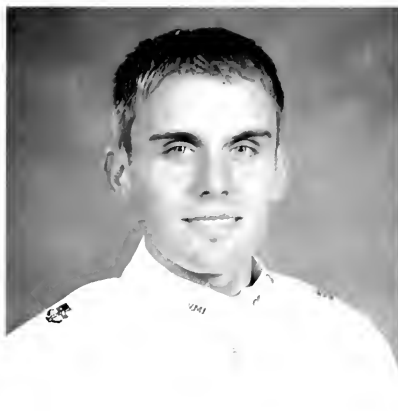
2005: Josh Sullivan
2011: Ben Ashooh, Brian Sowell

2005: Josh Sullivan
2011: Steve Redmond

2005: Ty Denby
2011: Geoffrey Ranowsky



Eric D. Swann
Civil Engineering - Army
Clifton Forge, VA



Jacob J. Swanson
International Studies - Army
Arkport, NY



Joseph P. Swearingen
History - Marine Corps
Shreveport, LA



First I would like to say it's been a tough and rewarding four years. I know I could not have done this without the support of my parents; they have and always will be there for me. To my 28 roommates, you are the best and I'll never forget you guys. For the 394,294,194 roommates, I imagine we will still argue about everything long after we leave this place. To the 194 rats you guys helped make 1st class year the best year by far. I hope you guys will work hard, commission, and do everything you can to help your rats succeed.



Well, there's a lot I could say about this place. Most of it people outside VMI wouldn't want to hear or wouldn't understand. I learned a lot about why authoritarianism sucks I guess, and made a lot of good friends along the way. In closing, I'd just like to wish my rats luck, and remind them not to take this place too seriously.



I truly can't believe that my time as a cadet has come to an end! These past four years were the toughest and best times of my life. I can't say that I will miss VMI but I will definitely miss my friends, especially Alpha Company and my roommates. Where else in America can you go around chanting "dudes", get chased by the banditos, or party at Kroger's? I'd also like to thank my dyke for showing me the ropes here at VMI. Dan you were right, VMI does teach you every way to be an officer, yet every way to not be one too! Rats of S-17 take the advice we've given you and try not to spaz out... Make the most of these four years; they will fly by before you know it. Oh, and study abroad, it's the best semester I've had at VMI! Lastly, I came to VMI because of the impact Stonewall Jackson and Robert E. Lee had here but sadly their character isn't taught on post anymore. I leave you future classes with what Lee said, "Do your duty in all things, you cannot do more, you should never wish to do less." Deo Vindice!

Marathon Club, Rat Challenge, Blood Drive Committee

Strength and Fitness, The Cadet, Aviation Club, College Bowl, Library Cadet Assistant, Alpha "Dream Team"

2005: Ben Hobbs
2011: Josh Bryan, Zack Pittard

2005: Eddie Farrell
2011: William Hagan

2005: Dan Schreiber
2011: Brandon Griffith, Jason Beecher



Benjamin P. Switzer
Mechanical Engineering - Air Force
Rockbridge Baths, VA



Sean G. Thompson
Psychology - Army
Waldorf, MD



Jonathan S. Tishman
Psychology - Army
Mendham, NJ



My cadetship has taught me that worrying about tomorrow is not worth my time; your life is given to you one day at a time, so live it that way. To my Rats, you and God decide your fate, keep God on your side and you'll both achieve the great things I know you are capable of achieving. To my teammates, it has been a pleasure. Work Wins. To my friends, thank you, I would not have been able to get to this point without you. To The Five, I love you all, I am lucky to have spent my cadetship in your company, and I look forward to our lifelong friendship. To my Family, I love you all dearly. Your support of me has been absolutely priceless; I cannot express my gratitude for your love and prayers. To Shirley, my best friend, my strength, and my future wife, I love you more than anything.
F54L



This place for me was hell, but hopefully I made it. Thank you rats for making my first class year official and exciting, thank you roommates for being the dirtiest guys in barracks but the best roommates. Just remember that we will all look back on this in 20 years and hope that we could still do it again.



Here's to: best friends, empty glasses and high spirits, uncompromising values and trust in my friends, determination, finding religion, unauthorized haydowns, laughing at others, screaming in the mess hall and formation, hiding from the Tac, Va militia disgracing "their" uniforms, barracks lawyers, cheering for the school and not the basketball players with beards, alumni's tabs, having a car as a third, dressing up for Halloween, midnight explosions, running back to make TAPS, being 21 and having a bedtime on a Saturday, not dropping out and going to community college, being independent, making the best friends one could ask for, Good Ideas, Fairy Officers, parade once a week, unbreakable bonds, extended weekends and furloughs, a tube top and mini skirt season at W&L (making a PW that much easier since God knows when). To the 10% of the Corps I associated with, I love you all as though you were brothers, you can rely on me for anything you need in the future, never lose touch; the other 90%, go haze yourselves.

Cross Country, Indoor/Outdoor Track, Big Brother/Big Sister, Tau Beta Pi, Regimental S2 Staff

2005: Edward M. Henderson
2011: Brian D. Blincoe, Geophery A. Mills
136 Class of 2008

Football, track, Mess Hall committee, Academic Sabbatical

2005: Matthew Dowler
2011: James Boatwright, Lansing Wilson

RDC, Cadre, Ranger Challenge, Club Lax, FIGHT CUT

2005: Aaron Thatcher
2011: Jared Varney



Chad T. Tobin
History - Army
Sparta, NJ



Andrew S. Todd
International Studies - Army
Allentown, PA



Adam J. Tolson
History - Army
Millboro, VA



VMI is the last place I ever thought I would be thanking. I have made many mistakes on this path we call life, but I have managed to still be standing at the end. Having a few more years behind me when I chose to come to VMI, it is easily said that VMI is the greatest opportunity I have ever been granted. It is easy to point a finger at all of the B.S. we had to endure, but I cannot feel more privileged to have spent my time with the people here. I have made the best friends of my life. There are many that I can recall having a great time with, but amongst my closest friends would have to be Jess, Gede, and Rob. Gede, you are my best friend. Rob, you have always been there for me.



I remember my dykes writing their yearbook entry three years ago. At the time I certainly could not imagine ever writing one myself. Obviously the goal of every cadet at this school is to one day graduate but I don't think anyone has a clue what they'll feel like when it actually happens. To be honest, I'm relieved and ready to go. That is not to say I won't miss the people I've met along the way; we always said that when there is nothing else, your friends are what keep you here. To my buddies of 312, 242, and 168- Heath, Jordan, and Jason- clichés aside, I could not have done this without you. We've had great times and I know we'll have many more. Sonny, Patrick, Aaron, Hunter- hang in there, your time will come more quickly than you think. Don't make the mistake of staying here all eight semesters, study abroad. Julia, I am so happy that we are finally done and can move on with our lives, get married, and live in Philly. Mom and Dad your constant support and confidence as well as very regular emails were a major part of my success here. I'm looking forward to being an alumnus of this place and I hope to one day know what it is really all about the way all of the older alumni seem to. Good luck all.



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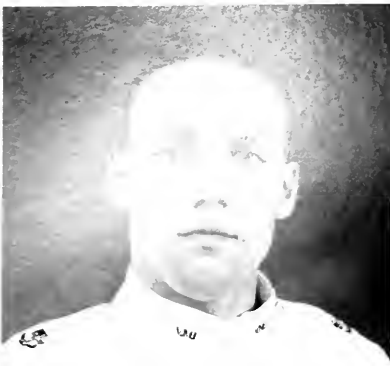
Football

Cadre corporal. Private, Aviation Association, RDC

2005: Robert Oaks
2011: Eric Church

2005: Brandon Haney
2011: Patrick Winkler, Sonny Landry

2005: Andrew Gordon
2011: Kyle Drumheller



Kellan S. Travis
Mechanical Engineering
Midlothian, VA



Chad D. Truslow
International Studies - Army
Waynesboro, VA



Matthew K. Turner
Mechanical Engineering - Navy
Franklin, TN



How can anyone sum up his experience at the Institute? Four of the longest years that seemed to fly by within the blink of an eye. The greatest memories of college coupled with the worst a military school could offer and especially those that, for one reason or another, have disappeared forever. A fearful and anxious rainy day, the cold and exhausting day that only ended in disappointment, a night of well deserved and long awaited freedom, a weekend of rings and brotherhood, and the culmination of 8 semesters of class, early BRC formations, late night study sessions, missed weekends, and countless special reports in a single piece of parchment. Not to mention, the best relationships any one place could offer: Dykes, Rats, roommates, life long friends. VMI, 200 words can't even come close. To my Family, I would like to say Thank you for always giving me the love and support to accomplish my goals. To my roommates and best friends, here's to the craziest four years and to the hope that we will always stay close. To my Rats, just remember that so many others have made it before you; I know that you can face all of your challenges. To all of my BR's, good luck and God speed.

Rat Challenge Cadre, Regimental Band, Sprint Football, Saber Drill Team, Body Building Club, Regimental Color Guard, 2nd BN Staff

2005: Will Ray
2011: Fredy Jurkowsitch , Korey Tighe



No Information Provided

2005: Marco Perez
2011: Curtis Moore, Chase Hutchinson



The past four years have flown by faster than I ever imagined, and I learned a lot about myself here, both good and bad. But I intend to take the good I learned and carry it with me for the rest of my life. I first want to thank God for giving me the strength and perseverance to get through this hell on Earth. Next, I want to thank Dad, Mom, Ashley, and Kristen. You've been there for me since the beginning and have always supported me. Thank you, I love you so much and always will. Next I want to thank my brother rats, Kurt, Chris, Jonny, Andy, Mike, Matt, all the guys on the lacrosse team, and anyone else I may have forgotten. You guys have been there with me through it all. I know that the friendship and camaraderie that we have will last a lifetime, and I can't wait to see what all of you will accomplish in your futures. Rats of 105, the only advice I will leave you is to always do what's right, because it is right. It might not always be easy, but it will take you where you want to go.

NCAA Lacrosse

2005: Jeffery Krug
2011: Richard Kent, Karl Cutler



Andrew M. Vezza
History - Army
Clearfield, PA



Michael J. Vinacco
Mechanical Engineering - Air Force
Poquoson, VA



Mark A. Viola
Civil Engineering - Air Force
Broadway, VA



Four years at VMI. As a rat I remember
aring the RDC and how stupid my cadre were
hen they were trying to be tough. Once I
ecame a 4th classman though, it was the easiest
nd chilliest semester of my cadetship. As a third
definitely ate shit. Second class year was great;
e got our rings and had so many privileges I
alf felt like a regular human being. I have to say
at first class year was better than all the other
od things put together. It was almost like being
college. Lots of FCP's led to drunken jumps
rough my window with the help of my rats. To
e rats Chris, Zach, Ethan and Matt: If you don't
I graduate I'll kill you. Finally to my brother
rats: I couldn't have done it without you, I love
ou all. **FIELD ARTILLERY BOOM BOOM!**



Looking back, I realize I never
would have made it this far without the
help of all those who love and care for me.
Doug, you always told me "Whatever happens,
just wait until the morning. Everything
always looks better in the morning." I can't
tell you how many times I've relied on that.
Mom, Dad, and Alaina, thank you for all
the miles you've driven and the support
you never failed to give...I love you all.
Lisa, you have turned my senior year into the most
amazing year of my life. I could never have asked
or dreamed for anyone more wonderful, loving, or
caring as you to spend my life with. I love you!
Brother Rats, thank you. "For He today that sheds
his blood with me shall be my brother" - Always.
Ethan, Chris, Zach, and Matt: Remember to fight
through whatever confronts you. I am so very
proud of each of you. Follow my example:
I DO WHAT I WANT!



First, I would like to thank God for the
opportunity to attend VMI. My gratefulness is
infinite and the attitude I have acquired from
VMI will be priceless in shaping my future.
God bless VMI and this country. Second, I
thank my mom and dad for all their love, hard
work, and dedication to helping me reach this
point in my cadetship. Finally, I would like to
thank VMI, professors, coaches, teammates,
and classmates for working with me in all my
endeavors. In summary, I am proud to have
been a member of the VMI football team and
I am proud to be a VMI graduate. Go VMI!

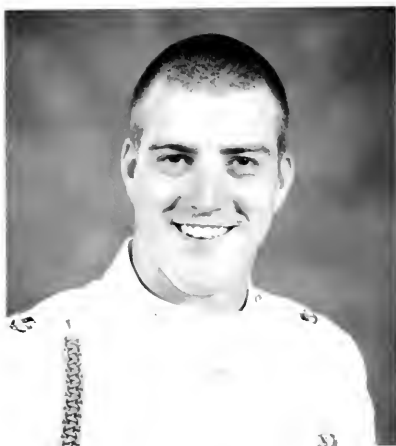
Bataan Death March Club

Bataan Death March CIC, Fencing Club

2005: Thomas Largi
2011: Zach Cline, Chris Gingrich

2005: Doug MacDonald
2011: Matthew Jones

2005: Tripp Smith, Allen Beal, Adam Nolety,
Frank
2011: Sam Palmer, Michael Blum



Jacob C. Vishneski
History - Army
Shawsville, VA



Jonathan R. Walaski
Mechanical Engineering - Marine Corps
Carmichael, CA



Matthew H. Walker
Chemistry - Army
Lynchburg, VA



The past four years have been an experience to say the least. As I think back on that experience though, I realize it is not VMI that created this experience for me. It was the people. Alpha Company- I cannot imagine what VMI would have been like if I hadn't gone through here without you guys. All the ridiculous times we have had together. The hotel parties, road trips, to just the random nights I have run in peoples rooms and started dance parties/wrestling matches/ GMTD. My Roommates- Dave, Joe, Derek, John, Alec, Brian, Hsieh, and Chris. Thanks for the great times in the room and for not kicking me out for my farts. Rats-Keep your heads up; you'll be done here before you know it. My Parents- Your support and guidance throughout my whole life has made me the man that I am. I truly thank you for all that you've done and I hope I can continue to make you both proud. Susie: Your love and affection over the past two years has made my experience here so much more incredible. Thank you for being able to deal with a VMI boyfriend. I can't wait to see what the future holds for us.



Leaving VMI is bittersweet. There is the triumph of completing it all, but also the regret of leaving the people that make it worthwhile. I have never had better friends (nor probably ever will) than the ones I've made here. To those that remain after I'm gone, do this: take pride in your accomplishments, capitalize on the opportunities that present themselves, and do your upmost to add value to VMI. And to Alpha '08: remember the inscription in our rings- "There is a destiny which makes us brothers, none goes his way alone." Special thanks to: the NROTC staff, especially Maj. Diorio, Capt. Garaux, GySgt. Johnson, and Lt. Faison. LTC Levenson and LtCol. Rivers. LTC Sullivan. My parents and brother. My non-Alpha BRs (you know who you are). Alpha '07, Alpha '09, Alpha '10, and Alpha '11.



First, I would like to thank my family for their support through these past four years. I could not have done it without you. I love you all. Next to Andy, Mike and Matt thank you for three fun filled years, you have been there for me no matter what. I will always look back and remember you. Ethan, Chris, Zach and Matt you all can do anything you put your mind to, except beat me at racquetball and video games, as long as you work hard and stay focused. I'm proud to call myself your Dyke. My dykes have taught me everything I needed to know to survive this place for that I am in your debt. To my BRs, you all have made VMI a bearable place for me, thank you and I wish the best of luck to you all. Godspeed.

Alpha Cpl. 1SGt. XO, Cadre



Andrea K. Walton
French - Marine Corps
Hollister, CA



Albert D. Watts, II
Economics - Air Force
Lynchburg, VA



Jason L. Webb
Civil Engineering - Navy
Bowie, MD



To all of those who have
good by me these past four years:
whether you were thousands of miles away
from me or were right here in barracks; whether
you supported me financially or emotionally,
whether you are my family or my friends;
whether you understood me or just accepted
me, no matter what, you were there for me. You
good by me, you stood up for me, and you loved
me. No matter how independent I think I am
I did no matter how much work I had to do on
my own, I cannot deny how much your support
has affected my success. Without you, I would
not be who I am today. Sans vous, je suis rien.



I don't really have much to say, but here
are a few things that I have learned. Always look
for an easier path before you climb a fence that
ends 10 feet away. Never run while intoxicated
because you will fall down. Drunk driving...it
happens. Don't look back, but don't leave your
friends behind either. I now know what not to
be like. 474, 322, Nick, Shane, Brandon, Matt,
Dave, Patman, Jeter, and Big Steve, Thank You.



It was a long and wild ride, but I'm glad I
took the risk and made the sacrifice. I met some
amazing people here and made life-long friends.
A lot of people got me through here; it is definitely
true that no one makes it through VMI alone. My
dream of being selected to BUD/S was realized and
accomplished with the hard work and support of
those around me; to all of you I am forever grateful.
Mom, Dad, and Jen thanks for all your help along
the way. I love you... I would be lost without you.
To all my teammates, thanks for pushing me in
the pool; my professors, thanks for pushing me to
graduate; to Rooms 312, 242, and 142 thanks for all
the great times. To my Coach Bill Nicholson and
Col. Wane Schneider thanks for the guidance over
the years, you will be missed. And finally, to my
Rats, push through it, there will be tough times
ahead, but stick together and you will be fine.

"You've never lived until you've almost
died, for those who fought for it, life has
a flavor the protected will never know."

International Club, Drill Team, Cadet Investment
Group, Semper Fi Society

Private, Big Red Club President, Bloodmobile
Chair, Rugby, VMI RFC President, Reg Band,
Pipe Band,

General Committee President, NCAA Swimming

2005: Scarlett C. Bean
2011: Erin Hawes, Angel Arenas

2005: Allen Coones
2011: Matthew Wilcox, David Arthur

2005: Justin Fallin
2011: Preston Craft



Jared P. Weber
Mechanical Engineering - Navy
Wesley Cranberry Township, PA



Nicholas S. Wegener
Economics & Business - Marine Corps
Jonesborough, TN



Michael C. Werle
Mathematics - Army
Chesapeake, VA



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As I reflect on my time at the Institute, I believe that the best lesson it has taught me is how to handle adversity. For me, adversity came in the form of rigorous academics, Division I-AA athletics, and the demanding military environment. As a result of these rich experiences, I feel that I am better equipped to handle the challenges of competing in a fast-changing and global economic society. To my Rats whom I have been privileged to mentor: **STAY THE COURSE.** Though it is the road less travelled, the rewards are great. You will be imbued with the best of character that will help you in all facets of your lives. **NEVER SAY DIE.** Drive through, no matter what stands in your way. If you start something, finish it! **THE ONLY THING IN LIFE YOU CAN CONTROL IS YOUR ATTITUDE.** Attitude is everything. A positive attitude can get you through the worst possible situations. My VMI experience has been challengin, but equally gratifying. I appreciate all those who have believed in me and helped me along the way. A special thanks to my family for their love and support. Also, thanks to all of my friends. I will remember the times we had at VMI for the rest of my life.



To my rats: Never forget that no one but you decides whether or not you belong here. Never cease to make the sacrifices necessary to make yourself worthy of this truly unique place. Constantly strive for greatness in all that you do not just for yourself, but for your God, parents, friends, and eventually your soldiers. Never settle for getting by. Don't try to survive this place, determine within yourself that you will use your time here to make yourself into the best man and soldier that you can be. I love you all and I never realized I could be so proud of someone. God Bless.



Ashley N. West
Biology - Army
North Miami Beach, FL



Jeremy B. Whitsitt
Business & Economics - Navy
McLean, VA



Jacob E. Widrick
International Studies - Marine Corps
Adams Center, NY



FINALLY, it's my turn to say goodbye to "T." Lord knows I hate this place with a passion, but the troubles I faced here have made me a better person. I've lost some "friends," had some rocky relationships, and there were some who didn't believe in me, but guess what.. I made it!!! To my friends Katrina, Amber, and Ketra.. the times we spent together were priceless and I will cherish those times forever ("Have a good night!!!"). Ketra, I go way back to the streets of 79th but you did a good job of showing me there is more to life than Liberty City. Having you here to show me the ins and outs of this place was truly a blessing and I just want to say thank you. As for Choiyeashia (My Rush or Twin), you are like a sister to me and you have grown so much since the day we met (thanks to you). It has been a long four years and I am going to miss not having you around. Eriquan, even though you came into our room a little late you still mean a lot to me. Although we may be thousands of miles away from each other you can call me any time you need someone to "Pop Off." To my Zappaneashia and my Jasmine Sky-Walker don't let anybody stop you from doing whatever it is you want to do. Take VMI for what it is and use it to your advantage. Happy make you sure you keep preaching the word and Sky-Walker stop punching holes in the wall. For you "Chandigla" make sure you keep your legacy going. You rep 305 to the fullest, and I'll never let VMI make you feel ashamed to be BORN-N-RAISED IN DA COUNTY OF DADE!!!!

Jack & Field, Promaji, Cheerleading, IT Cadet Assistant

2005: Gabriella Arraiz
2011: Zipporah McCann, Jasmine Walker



I do not think 200 words could begin to describe how/what I feel towards this place. In that light, those of you who have gotten to know me over the past couple years probably know exactly what I mean, and I wish you all the best of luck in the future. If it were not for some of you guys, I probably would never have made it through this place. For the rest of you who do not understand my initial remarks, you may take them however you please. Lastly, I would like to thank my parents, family, friends, professors, and everyone else that has helped me along my journey here at VMI. I certainly would not be where I am today if it were not for the help and support I received along the way, and I truly appreciate it. K Hill and King Tutts, love you guys. P.S. To the Navy Dept...Thank you for all of your help, and keep up the good work!

NCAA Lacrosse, OGA, Academic Mentor, SBD National Honors Society

2005: Jay Morgan
2011: Matt Bode, Matt Spitzer



In some ways I guess it is hard to believe that this phase of my life has come to an end, but it is definitely that time. I didn't really have any idea what to expect coming down here, and even though there were some rather bleak moments, it appears I did in fact survive. I have to thank the people that came before me: especially those who took time out of their day to help me and look out for me, I could never repay you. On a similar note, to my friends and family: your support means everything. I constantly forget how fortunate I am to have such a close family: it is something that is beyond value. To my classmates: my good friends here know who they are. I cannot thank you guys enough for making the last four years bearable. It seems like no matter what there was always something to do, whether it was a paper, a test, or other work, there was something that kept those lights on night after night. There was a lot of coffee and energy drinks, but not a lot of sleep. I think that builds character though. Then there were the movie quotes, dumb jokes, and ridiculous stories: you guys could always make me laugh, and that is how we made it through. Room 102 Rats: your dykes are proud, be smart and work hard, it will pay off. To the Class of 2011: I did everything I could to make this year as memorable as I could for you. A solid foundation has been built and you are collectively strong. I trust that you will accept the future difficulties in stride. Semper Fidelis.

2005: Saul Newsome
2011: David Martin



Phillip C. Wilkerson
History - Air Force
Fredericksburg, VA



Andrew C. Williams
International Studies - Army
Glen Burnie, MD



Herbert T. Williams, V
Civil Engineering - Air Force
Franklin, VA



Within the four years of my cadetship, I have come to call this place many things including home and hell. The days and minutes passed by with an agonizing slowness, yet the years seem to be gone in an instant. It can't be denied that VMI has left its mark on every person who has come here. I pray that as we leave to go out into the world that we remember the ideals that are instilled here and that we can remain bonded for years to come no matter where we may be. To all my good friends and family, I thank you for your support and encouragement through the good times and bad.



VMI is a place of sayings and clichés, most true and some not. During my four years here I have heard most of them and the one that is the truest and best is that 'no one makes it through VMI alone'. This is true for everyone including me. God, without Him nothing would be possible. Thank you for the ups and downs and always being there. Mom and Dad, you two are so strong and I have learned so much from you both. Thank you for always supporting me. Tyler and Holly, I love you guys and thank you for the great times we have. I will always be there for you. April, you give me more than a job to look forward to, you give me a life. I cannot wait to start out together. Alpha '08, you know who you are and you all made the bad times good and good times great. Rats, take what you learned and do great things. Room 345, Roger, Phil and Dave, I love you three guys. You all are what kept me here when I did not want to come back. You guys are my best friends and I thank you for that.



When not causing a ruckus in the local bars or tearing down W&L flags, Bert was usually sitting in the room watching DVD's from the \$5 bin at Wal-Mart. The Wing Commandant will graduate from the Institute and move onto an exciting career involving sitting in a chair of some sort. We can't say too many negative things about our boy as he successfully quit smoking...several times this year. He too tried to spend most of his time at VMI sleeping in his rack, snoring at an octave slightly higher than nuclear armageddon. While you think Bert might be a well-rested Keydet, Williams was affectionately known by his roommates and Rats as a "Bipolar BS%#^ in the morning." Williams would often whine to his roommates about having "so much more homework than them," as he finished watching the 5th episode of Scrubs for that day. Although he vehemently denied it, Bert's roomies always knew of his love affair with the Medieval Page who lived across the courtyard. Bert was always too jealous to admit that his Liberal Arts roommates will be his bosses one day. You were a good roommate but your love obsession with Transformers and anime says a lot about you. Bert was always too much about the United States Chair Force.

Trap & Skeet, Fencing Club

Alpha P.V.T. Club Lacrosse, Wall Street

Spring Football, VMI Boxing, ASCE, ASME, Concrete Canoe, The Cadet Newspaper

2005: Joshua Simulcik, Christopher Guin
2011: Christopher Fukui, Woody Hall
144 Class of 2008

2005: John Rerucha, Eric Rhorman
2011: Jon Stumpf, Shayn Tierney

2005: Henry Hak
2011: Jack Britt, Dan Williams



Reginald L. Williams, II



Gregory R. Willson
Civil Engineering - Navy
Portsmouth, VA



Joshua H. Wilson
International Studies - Army
Palm Harbor, FL



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"Greg" "Greggers" "Ole Greg" "Polar Bear"



I don't think anyone can say that they enjoyed their time here, but I won't say that I did not enjoy mine. I have spent the last four years surrounded by some of my best friends learning invaluable lessons that only a sick, twisted place like this could teach me. There is no doubt in my mind that I could not have made it through this place without the support of my family and friends. To my family, the only words that remotely come close to expressing how I feel are thank you. To my friends, it has been fun. Thank you for all the good times and more importantly, thank you for being there during all the bad times. I wish only the best for all of you and look forward to our adventures ahead.



"There are three types of people in this world: those who make things happen, those who watch things happen and those who wonder what happened. We all have a choice. You can decide which type of person you want to be. I have always chosen to be in the first group." Mary Kay Ash

This statement shows how a no name person from a little no name town in West Virginia. Is about to find himself graduating from the Institute that has given him friends that will last a lifetime, opportunities to excel in life after the institute, and a better understanding of what I am capable of, not only as a man but a person. Like every alumnus I have talked to, "Everyone wants to be from VMI, but no one wants to be at VMI." Good luck to my rat I hope you find your niche in the VMI system as I have, my roommates you were always there for me. Thanks guys, my friends, and most of all the Class of 2008.

Private, OGA President, Wall Street, Rat Challenge, Timber Framing

Ranger Challenge, VMI Construction, Math Tutor, NCMT, Rat Challenge, Engineering Club, CCS, Big Brother/ Big Sister

2005: Jonathan Wade
2011: Christian Hunter, John S. Roberts

2005: Kirk Stokes
2011: Chris Curtis, Ryan Nienstedt

2005: Terrence Henderson
2011: Christopher Estrada



Michael W. Wilson
Biology - Air Force
Richmond, VA



Mark J. Woodard
Electrical Engineering- Army
Taos, NM



Sean Wu
Biology - Army
Manassas, VA



A vegetarian at a military institute? More than once, I've been asked. "You go to VMI?"

Well maybe I do listen to a little too much bluegrass music, or eat too much organic food for a VMI cadet, but I believe my decision to go to VMI was one of the best I'll ever make. I don't always feel like I fit in at a military school, but I have benefited tremendously from the friends and opportunities I've had at VMI. I'd like to thank my family and friends for supporting me over the years at VMI and my teachers for their selfless investment in my education and passion for learning. In pursuit of a career in medicine, I hope to bring happiness and joy to the sick and needy. I hope to give of my talents and myself with which I have been graciously blessed.

"Take a little time for sunshine, take a whole lotta time for love, take time to praise and thank the heaven's up above. Take your life as it may come, cause boy it'll be gone soon, take a little time for howlin' at the moon" -Sam Bush



I would like to thank my parents, and my friends for helping me survive. Rats I hope I have taught you well and that you are successful at VMI and in your futures. I don't have much to say except good-bye, maybe some day we will meet again. Good Luck



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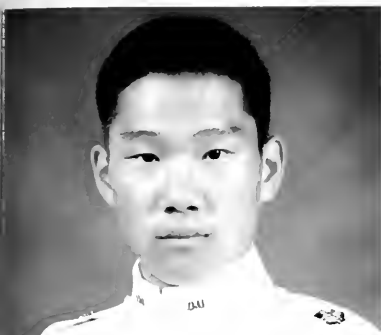
Track & Field, Triathlon Club, Navigators Bible Study CIC

Marathon Club, IEEE, Bataan Death March.

2005: Alex Boykin
2011: William Walker

2005: Paul Kuwik
2011: Nat Zand, Kurt Zimmerman

2005: Hsin-Yu Lin



Phill H. Yi
Civil & Environmental Engineering- Army
Springfield, VA

Patrick J. Zanelotti
International Studies - Army
Chantilly, VA

Chad L. Zurcher
Biology - Marine Corps
Mitchell, NB



My life to this point has been full of immense times of joy as well as trials of hardship. I won't say VMI was easy because it really wasn't. There were times I wish I was anywhere else but here. Despite my time here at VMI showed me that there are more important things in life than myself, such as my God, family and friends. Without these aspects in my life there would be no purpose for existence. Everyone always wonders what their purpose is in life. To me I found a simple solution, but which is hard to apply. The solution, follow what God has planned for you. I make a wrong turn here and there, but always God has been in control from the day I arrived here until the day I left. I will end with this statement from William Wallace, "Every man dies, but not every man truly lives."

I couldn't wait until my day came to write this, but now that it is here, finding the right words could take a while. I am truly grateful to my Family, Friends, Coaches, past and present, the LAXERS, God, and all those I have encountered along the way. If it was motivation to do my best, a reason NOT to leave, or pursuit of something more difficult than a normal college offers, you provided it for me. VMI has been the greatest learning experience of my life, from my matriculation to graduation, VMI has taught me to not judge any book by its cover because...the people you least expect, from maybe LA, PA, NY, TN, MD, CA or wherever, will turn out to become your best friends. To my Rats, and Lax team - I hope you have learned as much from me as I have from you. Stick together and trust each other, in good times and bad, be there when your boys need you the most, because they will return the favor sometime during your Cadetship or later in life. Push yourself and your roommates/teammates and friends to do the best you possibly can in school, on the field, and/or in the military/civilian life. Remember, "What the mind can conceive and believe, the body can achieve," and that "the word 'can't' doesn't exist, it's not in the dictionary, so don't ever say or let anyone tell you can't do something" (help received: Dad). Finally, Pete and Dave, it's been the best ride this prison could produce, having ya'll as my roommates. You are my best friends & the backbone of what motivates/teaches me. Thanks for the stories, laughs, sighs, fights and many, many drinks... and the thousands more to come. Love you boys

So this is it. This is the culmination of four years of work. Four years of sacrifice, hardship, and pain... I wouldn't trade it for anything. I know it would be typical to say what a great experience I have had, how I've learned life lessons, and all that good stuff. However, that's not what I want to say. We all know too well the intricacies of life that VMI has provided. No one enjoyed every aspect of it and many of us have hated it. None of us will miss early formations or marching in the rain, but there is something I will miss. In fact, I know I am going to miss it so much that in some ways it scares me. There is something to be said about the fact that I can get up every morning and be surrounded by my friends, my brothers. Even if we weren't on the best of terms, I will undoubtedly miss you all. I really don't believe in saying goodbye so instead, I'm just going to give you all an invitation. Wherever I end up, you are always more than welcome to show up. My door will always be open to my brother rats. I'm sure I'll see you somewhere down the line, until then take care of yourself.

anger Challenge, Rat Challenge, International Club, Body Building, Catacombs, ASCE

005: Eric Huggard
011: Stephen Rhodes, Solomon Choi

Lacrosse: 2008 Social Chair, OGA, 1st Class Private
2005: Bill Pearl, Jim Driggs, Ty Denby, Dan Harrison
2011: Alex Martinez, Johnny Fiano

2005: Robert Gibson
2011: Eric Wittig, Aaron Castro



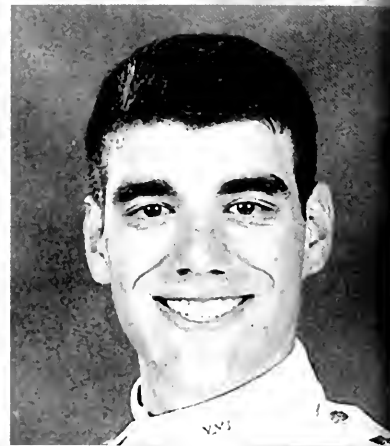
Garrick E. Alden
Economics - Army
Nellysford, VA

2004: Adam Vergne
2010: Benjamin Brandt



Joseph G. Alley
English - Army
Virginia Beach, VA

2003: Joseph Voorhees



Douglas G. Aloisio
Biology - Army
Stafford, VA

2002: Derrick Bodkin



Keashawn D. Artis
Economics - Air Force
Alexandria, VA

2004: Tamara Ferguson
2010: Tim Maypray, Damiso Alexander



Charles M. Blake
Modern Languages - Army
Chesapeake, VA

2002: Salmaan Khawaja



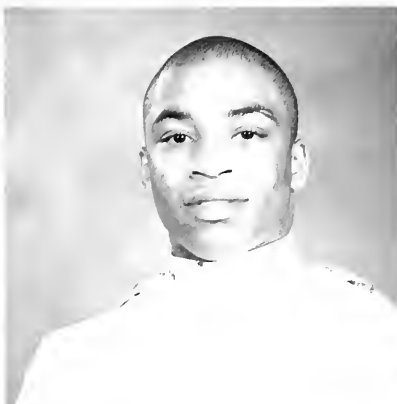
Jamond B. Carter
Economics - Army
Martinsville, VA

2004: Michael Coakley



Dana W. Daly
History - Army
North Reading, MA

2004: Andrew Frazier
2010: David Phillips, Ahad Ahmed



Deuntay T. Diggs
History - Army
Corapeake, NC

2004: Mike Roscoe
2010: Edmund Preisser, Chris Martin



Chijioke B. Ezekwe
Civil Engineering - Air Force
Vicksburg, MS

2004: Erica Ardolino
2010: Howard Abegesah



Byron E. Faidley
History - Army
Covington, VA

2004: Keith Holman
2010: Ross Hussmann



Clifton W. Ferguson
Economics - Air Force
Bassett, VA

2003: Ronald Ingram



Jacoby L. Fields
History - Air Force
Disputanta, VA

2004: Tim Suelling



Denny J. Fox
Economics - Army
Leesburg, VA

2003: Zachary Batte



Robert M. Frazier
Mechanical Engineering - Army
Harrisonburg, VA

2003: Andrew Marsh



Jonathan T. Glasscock
Psychology - Army
Amelia, VA

2003: Jonathan Lowery
2009: Kyle Johnson



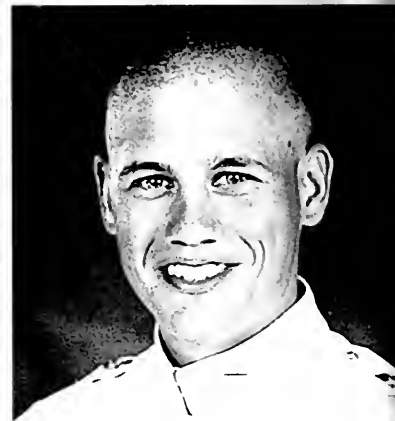
John T. Goode, Jr.
English - Air Force
Winchester, VA

2004: Matthew Liffick
2010: Anthony Prioletti, Lincoln Garner



Eron M. Grabowsky
Modern Languages - Army
Mason Neck, VA

2003: Lara Tyler
2009: Carrie Lauderdale,
Ashley McCabe



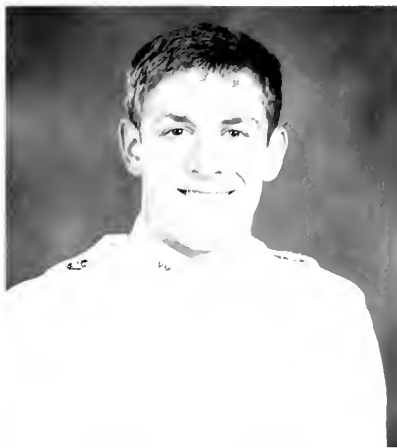
Patrick J. Grey
International Studies - Marine Corps
Wilmington, DE

2003: Brian Gardner
2009: Mark Tambone



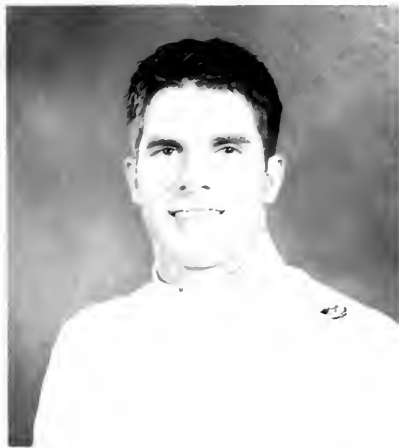
Anthony D. Harris
Biology - Air Force
Orlando, FL

2004: David Paul
2010: Matthew Satterwhite,
John Bowman

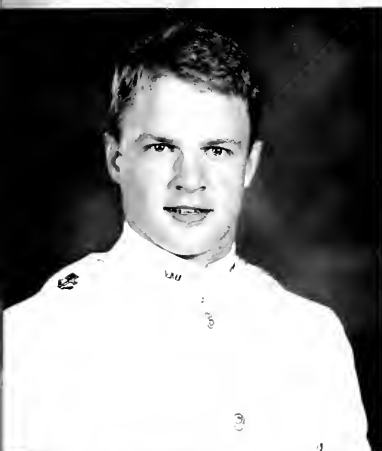


Paul R. Hiner
Economics - Marine Corps
Roanoke, VA

2004: Erica Ardolino
2010: Mark Foster



Jeromie R. Houston
Economics - Army
Leesburg, VA



Patrick A. Johnsen
Civil Engineering - Army
Ottawa, IL



David S. Kimsey
Psychology - Army
Harrisonburg, VA

2003: Bryan Wacker



Andrew G. Maxwell
International Studies - Navy
Melbourne, FL

2004: Peter Kent
2010: James Kerr



Carrie R. McAtee
Psychology - Marine Corps
Bloomington, IN

2004: Sarah Johnson

2010: Candice Zavatsky



Nathan A. McCall
History - Army
Benton, AK

2004: Gordon Ruff



David M. Metzler
Biology - Army
Dayton, VA

2004: Jason Cox

2010: Tanner Sewell, Michael Hutchings



Matthew R. Murrer
Economics - Army
Richmond, VA

2004: Thomas Walton

2010: Lucas Jones, Jarrett Craddock



Hunter A. Phillips
Civil Engineering - Marine Corps
Lexington, VA

2004: Caleb Lee

2010: David Miles



Micah R. Plemmons
Economics - Army
Richmond, VA

2000: Adam Priest

2010: Charles Range, James Hartzell



Bradley R. Pruitt
International Studies - Army
Knoxville, TN

2004: Jonathan Lessen



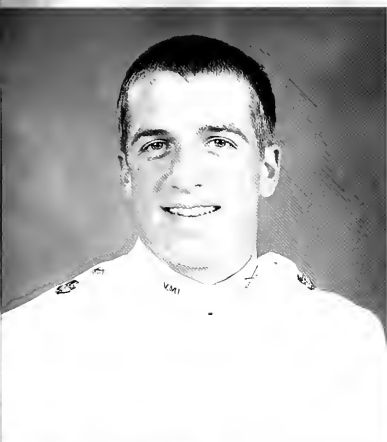
Ahmed M. A. Safy Eldin
Mechanical Engineering - Army
Dokki Giza, Egypt

2010: Earl Aya-ay



Jeffrey M. Sale
Computer Science - Air Force
Alexandria, VA

2003: Joseph Voorhees
2009: Lance Oztzmann



Thane J. Smith
Economics & Business - Army
Virginia Beach, VA

2004: Matthew Liffick
2010: Quinn Bright, Miles Treacy



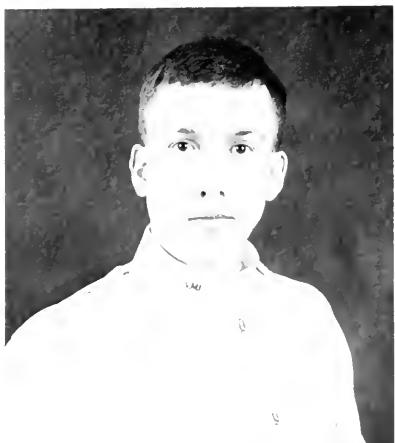
Ryan H. Steptoe
History - Army
Woodbridge, VA

2004: Samuel Orr



James M. Watson
English - Air Force
Burke, VA

2004: John Diehl
2010: James Williams, Even Rogers



Rhys D. Williams
Economics - Marine Corps
Houston, TX

2004: Jarod Parker
2010: Matthew deCesare, Kyle Bloom



Ryan D. Branham
Biology - Army
Norfolk, VA



Edward T. Freeman, II
History - Air Force
Beach Haven, NJ

2001: Charles Blanton



Joseph W. Hardes
Economics - Air Force
Coudersport, PA

2004: Michael Uranko



Thomas E. Lloyd
Economics - Army
Fishersville, VA

2004: John Puvogel, David Poldiak
2010: Wilson Ileso, Bryant Youngblood



Bryant J. Martin
Civil Engineering - Army
Portsmouth, VA

2004: Berryman "Chipper" Woodruff



Michael P. McGann
Civil Engineering - Navy
Portsmouth, VA



John E. McKnight, IV
Civil Engineering - Navy
Pensacola, FL



Joseph L. Thompson
Economics - Marine Corps
Albuquerque, NM

2004: Peter Bennett

2004: John Haywood



John P. Hampton
Computer Science - Army
Key West, FL

2000: Andrew Pelton
2006: John Gilbert, Angel Arroyo



Mark W. Miller
Civil Engineering - Marine Corps
Rock Hill, SC

2004: Charles Roberts

Commissioning

2008



Army Lt. Gen.
Robert L. Van
Antwerp



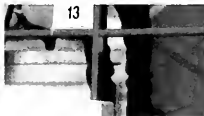
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3 Air Force Lt. Gen.
Daniel J. Damell



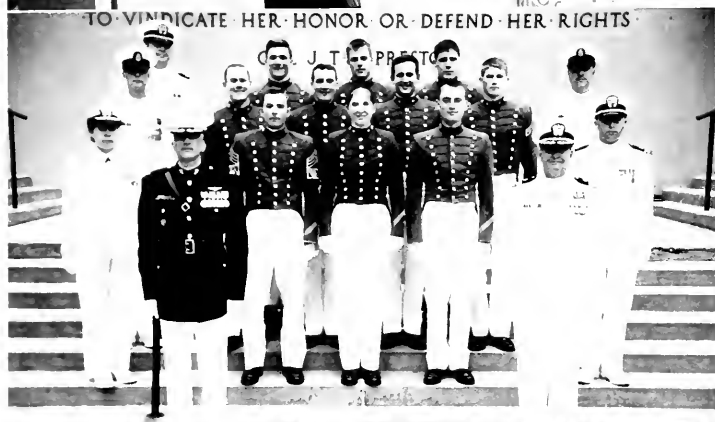
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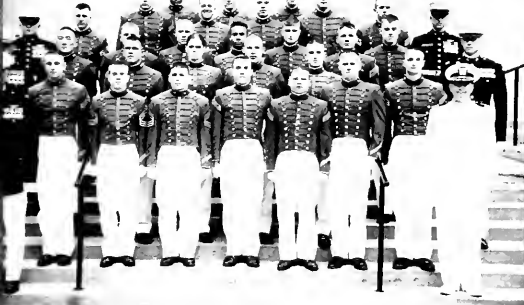




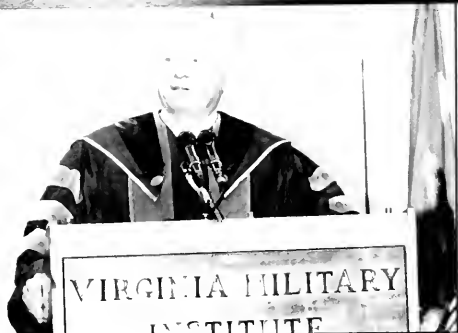




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The Third Milestone:



**<< ROBERT M. GATES,
SECRETARY OF DEFENSE**

The Secretary of
Defense addresses the
Class of 2008 at
Commencement

GENERAL J. H. >>

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The Superintendent
speaks to the graduating
class at Commencement



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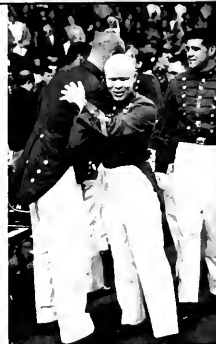
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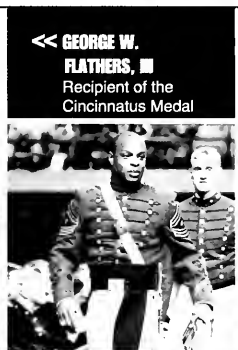
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MICHAEL J. VINACCO >>
Recipient of the Second
Jackson Hope medal





THE CLASS OF 2009



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The General Committee Officers of the Class of 2009

Vice President: Barrett Luxhøj President: Finney Kimsey Historian: John Tagg



2nd BAT. SGM Zack Youngsma

“ As I look back on the history of the Class of 2009, and all we have been through, I am reminded of the usual major points in our cadetship: matriculation, breakout, and Ring Figure. The ratmass of 2006+3 was formed on Aug. 20, 2005. That hot August day when we stepped on post for the last time as matriculants is a day we will never forget. As individuals, we did the usual college preparation: moving our belongings, registering for classes, saying goodbyes, but inside I do not think any of us were fooled into believing we were about to experience anything like our friends outside of VMI were: nor could we anticipate the bonds we would come to develop through the ratline. The Class of 2009 was forged through the ratline; the rifle runs and parades in the rain, sweat parties in the mud, and football games in the sun all brought us together as a mass. When finally Breakout came, it was one of the hardest days and we faced it together. That evening we were no longer the individuals from that matriculation day or rats of the mass of 2006+3, but the Class of 2009, formed on the 28th of January, 2006. Our third class year further defined us with our new-found privileges, our first sweat party where we were not participating, and the designing of our rings/Ring Figure. When we came back again in the fall for our second class year we were only a short way from Ring Figure: a milestone for our class. On Nov. 16 we got our rings and entered the brotherhood of the ring. The ceremony, the hotel parties, and the tent party will all be remembered as some of the best times we had as a class.

Next year we'll be 1st classmen, we'll run barracks, and we'll have our own rats, the mass of 2009+3. Soon we'll be graduating heading off to various branches of the military, jobs in the civilian sector, or further education. With our year left we look forward to instilling the values of our class into our rats, making more memories with our BRs, and having '09 own barracks.

Class of 2009 Candids

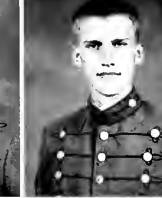




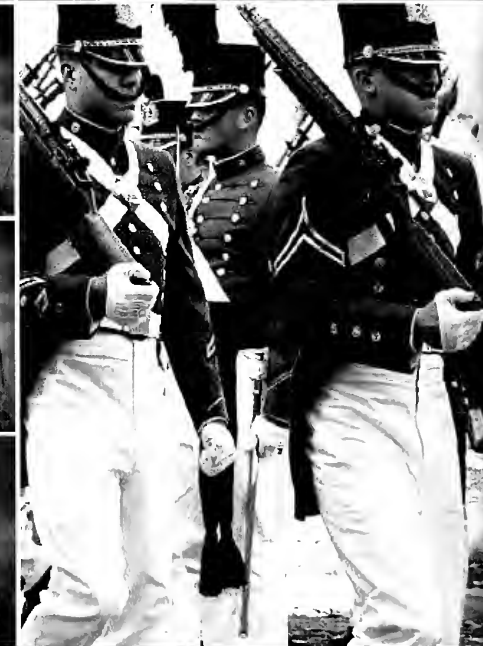
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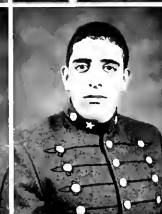
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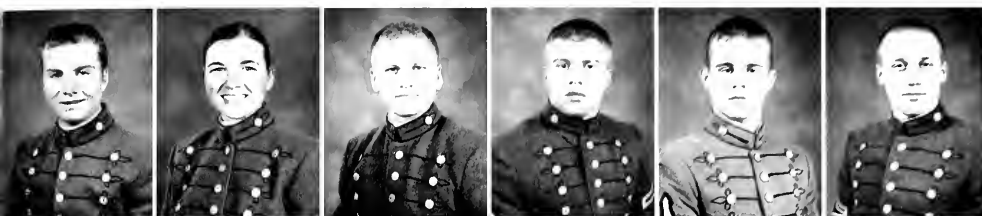


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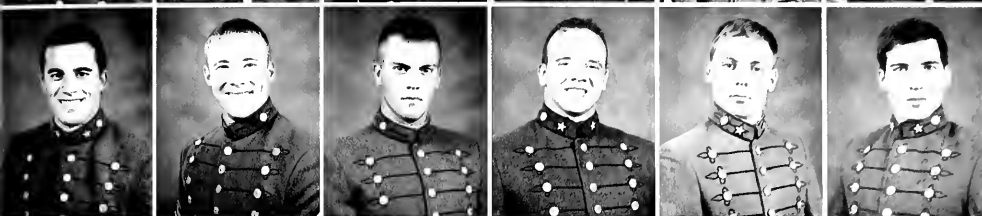


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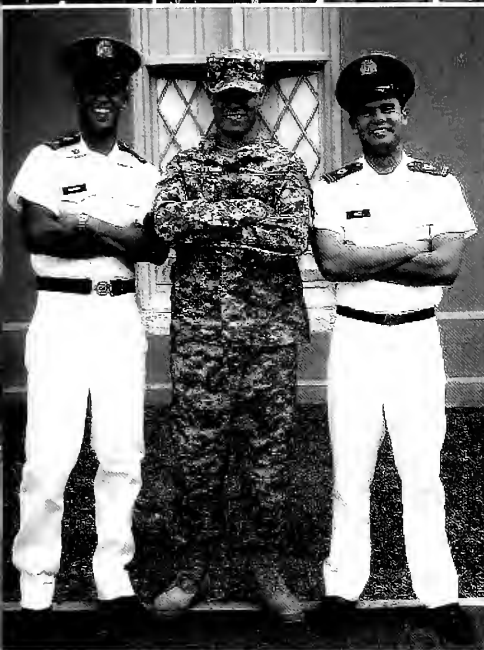




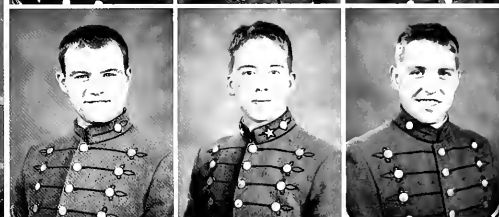
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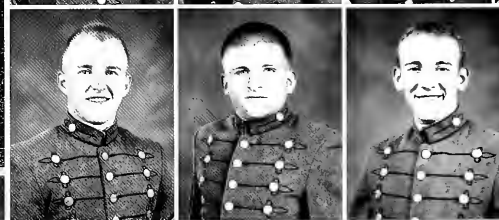
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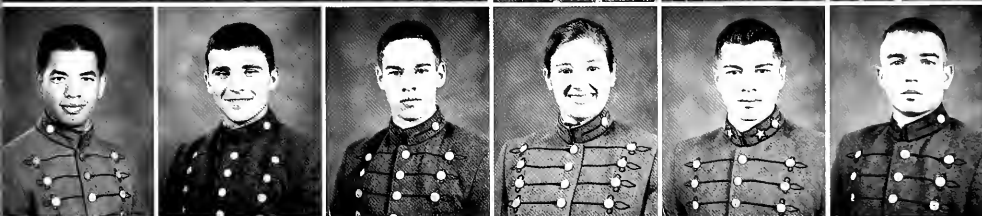
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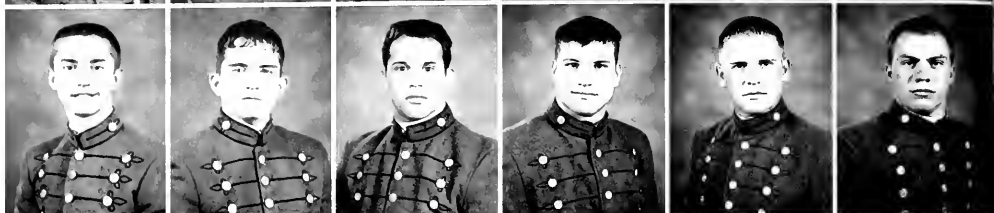


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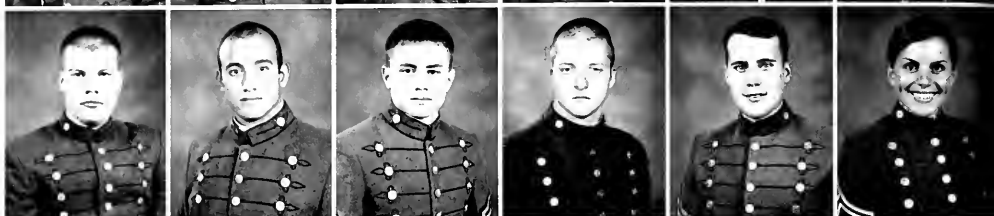
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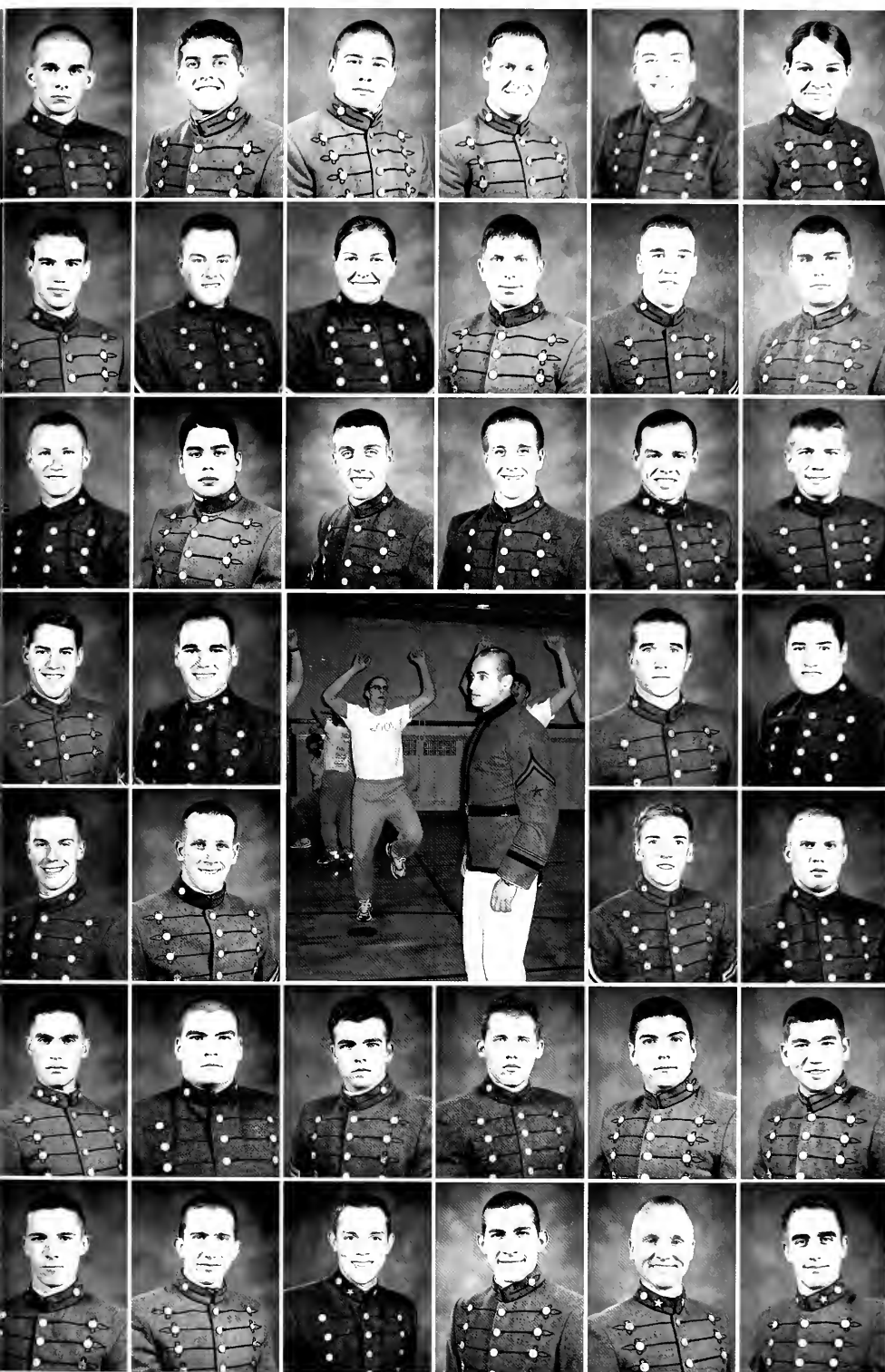
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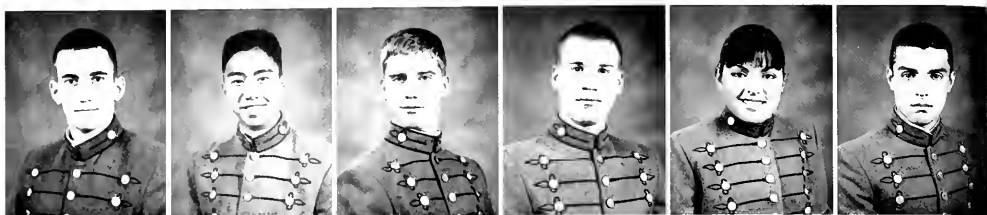
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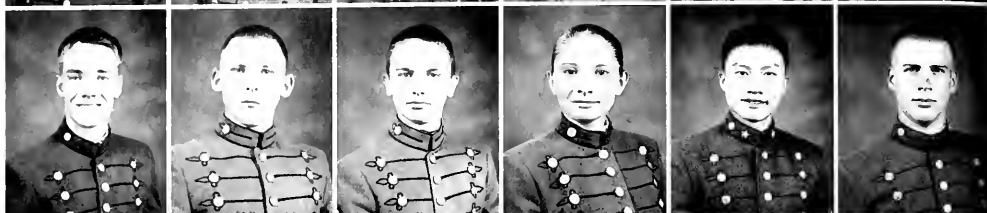
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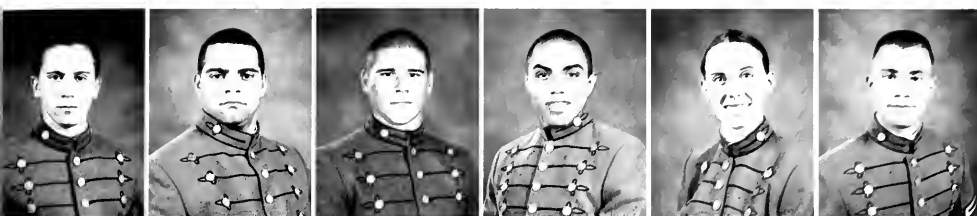


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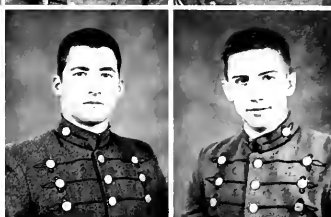




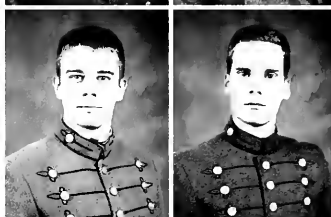
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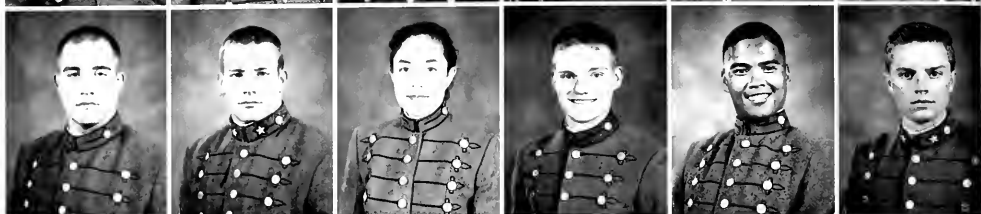


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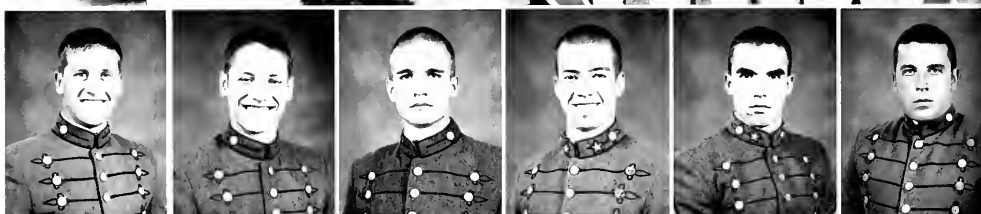
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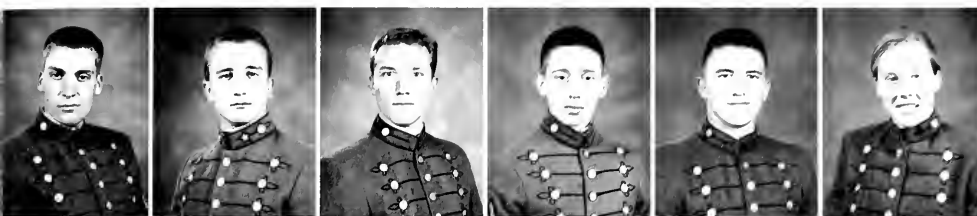


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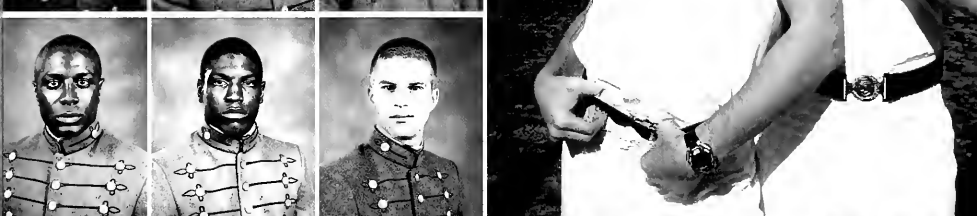
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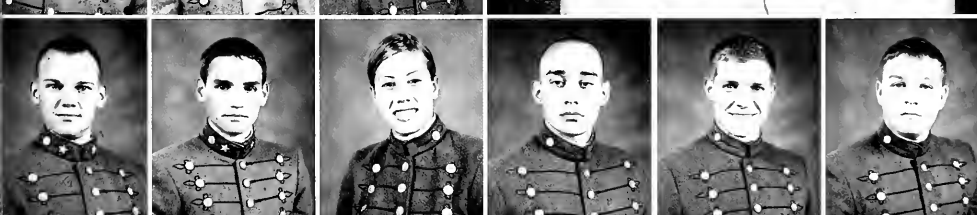
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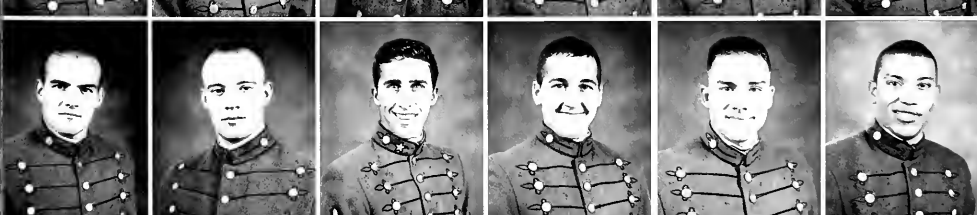
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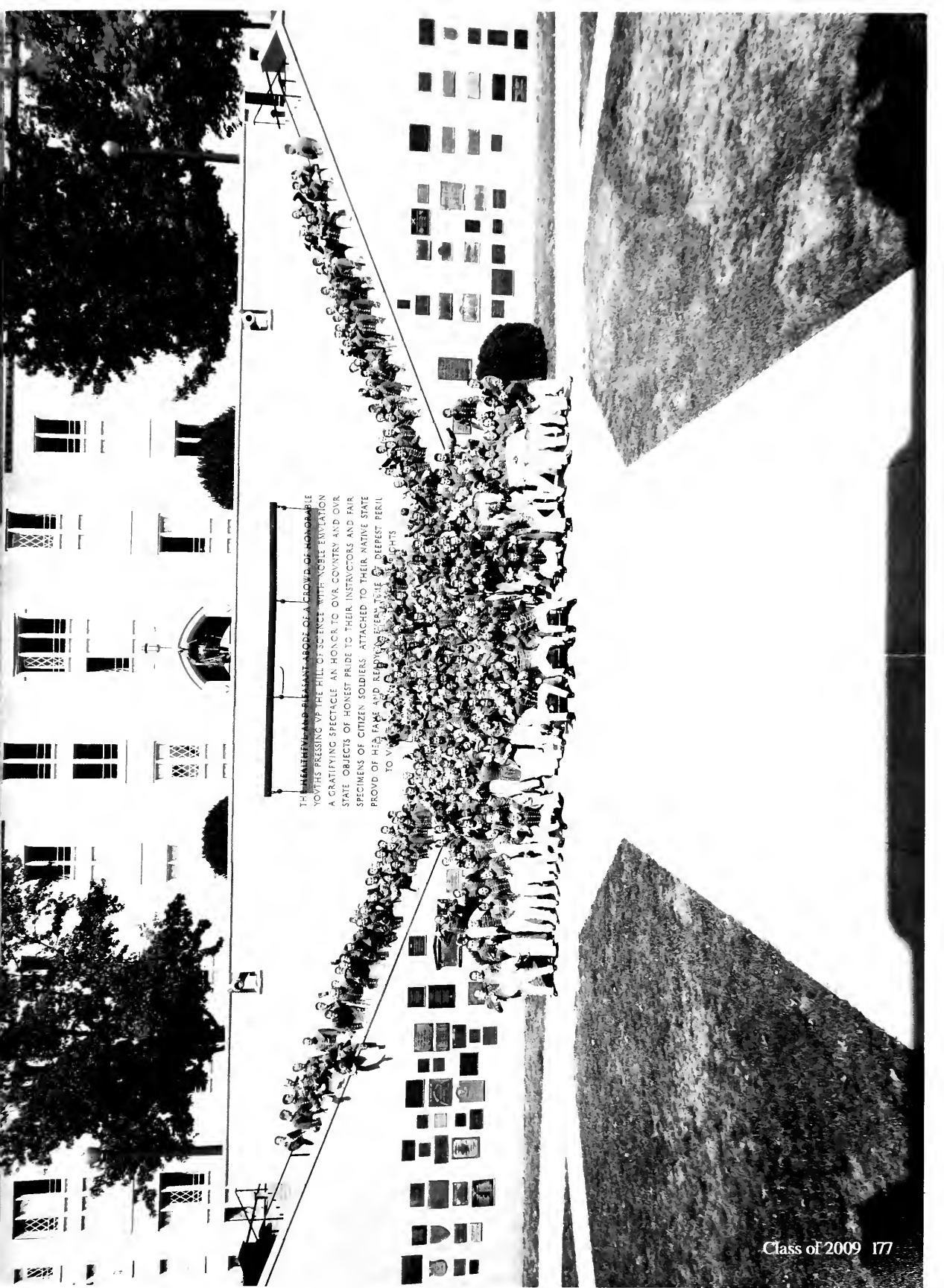


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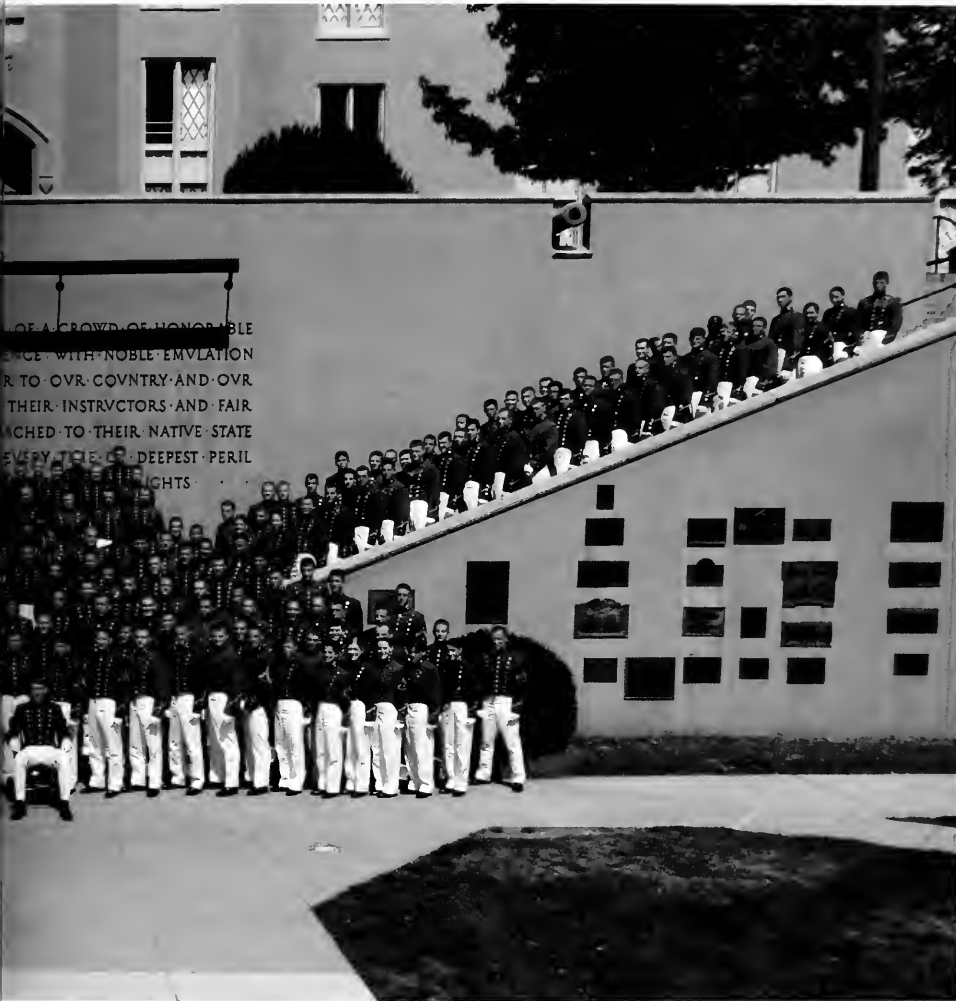


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The Class

Figure



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The Second Milestone

Brother Rats,

We have come a long way since we first ran into barracks with the rain saturating us, screaming "WE WANT CADRE!" We have dealt with our fair share of D.R.C. meals with cadre, and pushed enough times afterwards to know the feeling of pain. But we overcame the first milestone of our cadetship--the ratline. Now, we have surpassed the second--Ring Figure. All we have left is graduation. Until then, remember what you have accomplished and what our class has accomplished. Keep your head up and remember next year is OUR year. Make sure you leave your mark on the mother I--no regrets.

Amanda F Moore

Ring Figure Editor



We forever share this moment, a moment that demonstrates what we have become, a class, a family, joined by our experiences together, striving through the hardships set upon us here at the Institute.

We are being built for war, for conflict, ready to engage all pursuits with passion and grace. Through our everlasting Brother Rat spirit we have achieved what few have dared to endure. By our personal resolutions, we have committed ourselves to excellence. This is signified with the presentation of the 2009 class ring.

This ring combines all efforts in the struggle for the greater good, for our family, the Institute, and our nation.

Our actions here at the Institute have been heard and recognized. And whatever tomorrow brings, our actions in all pursuits of life will reflect our time here together. My dearest Brother Rats, we have come this far together, now we continue forward, joined both in spirit and by these symbols of our devotion, in the endless pursuit of the greater good.

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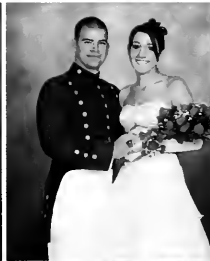
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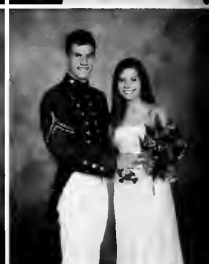
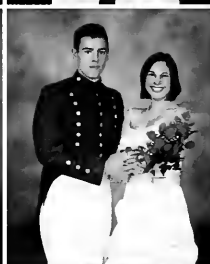


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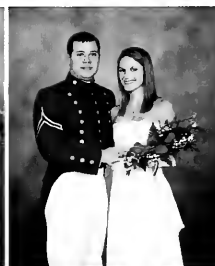
Class of 2009,

Ring Figure has come and gone. However, this unforgettable November weekend will be forever captured in photographs and our memories. For me, the excitement and power of Ring Figure came to light as I stood on the stage in JM Hall that Friday afternoon during the Presentation.

On stage, I stood next to Dr. Adams, Executive Vice President of the VMI Foundation. He whispered to me something that I will never forget. He said, "This might be the only time you truly can see pure joy on each cadet's face. This moment may even be more special than graduation." I felt this joy as I looked at the smiles on your faces. At that moment all the hard work, perseverance, triumphs, and defeats our class had gone through were symbolized in the ring. When I look at my ring on my right hand, it will always remind me of the particular bond our class shares; a bond unlike any other class that has come through barracks.

Barrett Luxhoj

Class of 2009 Vice President

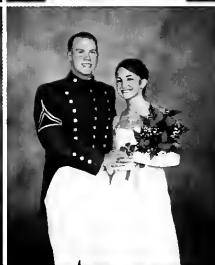


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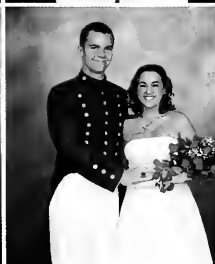


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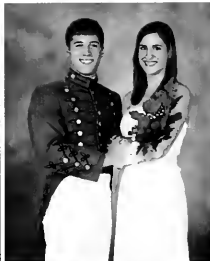
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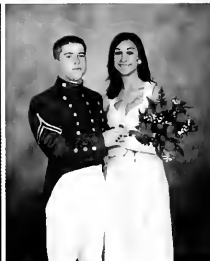


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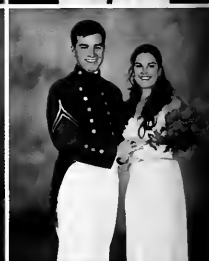


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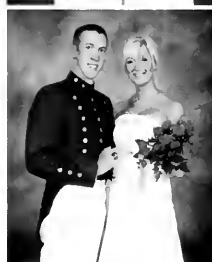


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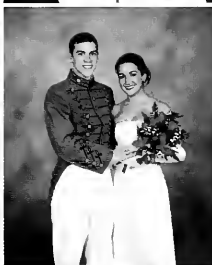
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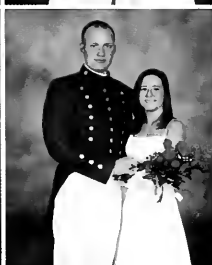
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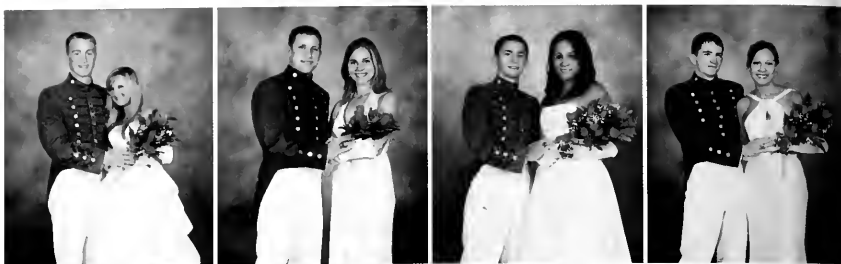


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Many of us will forget how the days leading up to Ring Figure dragged on for what seemed like years. Many of us will never remember what was even said at the Ring Presentation. The one thing that sticks out in my mind, and something I will never forget, are the smiling faces on every member of our class. How could anyone forget such a happy and lively weekend as that? Outsiders will never understand how important our Ring Figure was. OUR class, however, will never forget the deep bond that we share, and Ring Figure was a testament to that lifelong brotherhood. Wear your rings proudly and never fail to live up to what they represent!

John E. Tagg
2009 Historian





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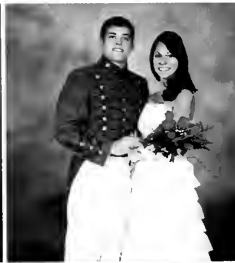
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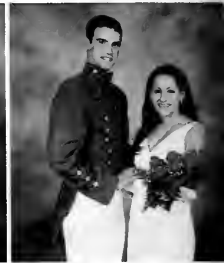
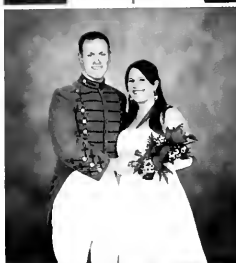


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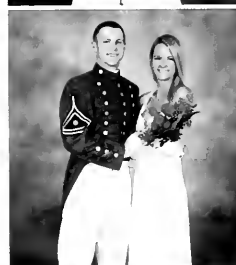


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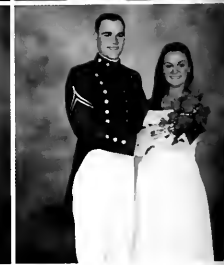
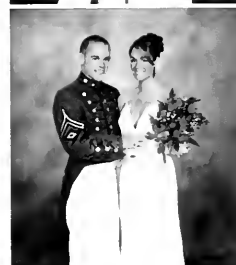


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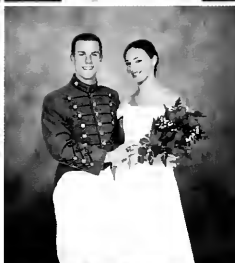


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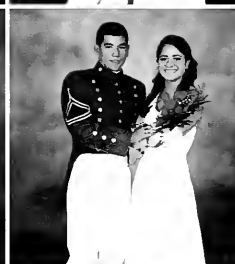


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Ring Figure was a success. The Ring Figure committee worked hard to give the class what it deserved, and I hope that we made Ring Figure meet our expectations. We all had a blast. Congratulations to the class, and remember what it means to be a VMI Cadet.

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2009 Ring Figure Chairman

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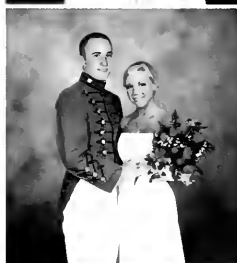
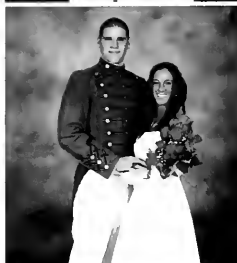
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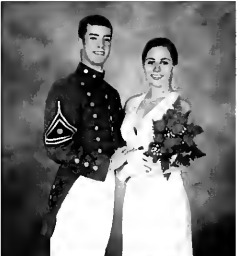
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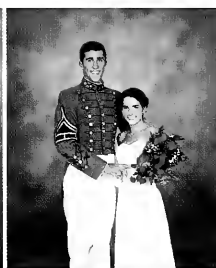




Dear Brother Rats,

Thank you for choosing me for the Douglas Carter France III '71 Memorial Award, it truly is an honor which I will never forget. I am forever grateful to the Class of 2009, without your support and help I would not be here. I hold you all dear to my heart and feel that this award is a reflection of how close we have come together as a class. The experience that we have all shared together will never be forgotten. I have never experienced a bond quite as unique and special as this, which will carry on for the rest of our lives. We are truly unique people at a unique school, of which, I am very proud to be a part of.

God Bless Jamie



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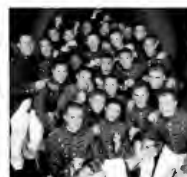
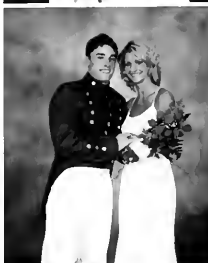
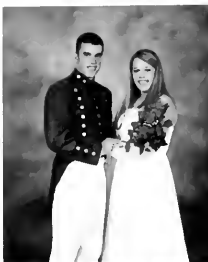
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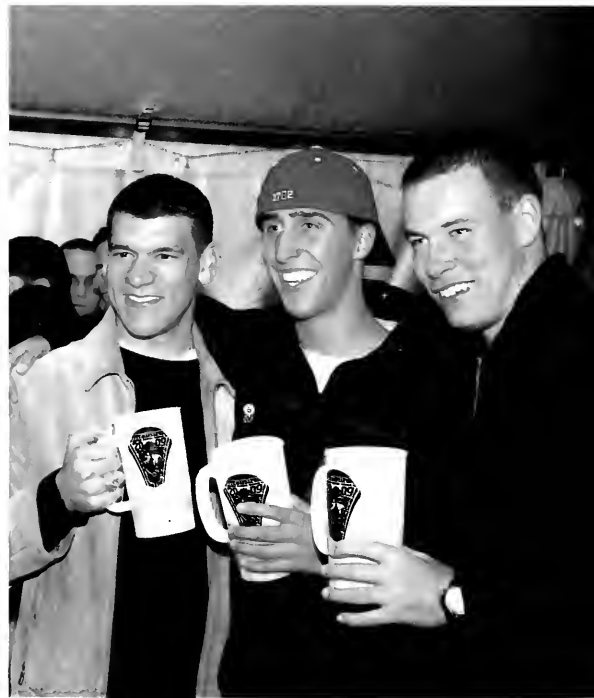
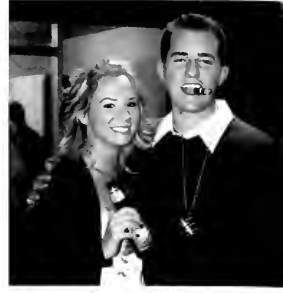
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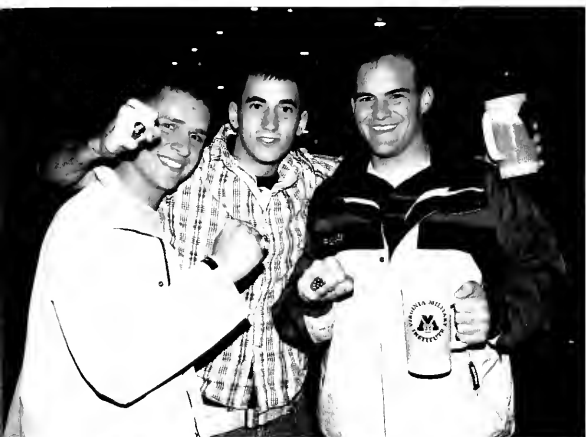
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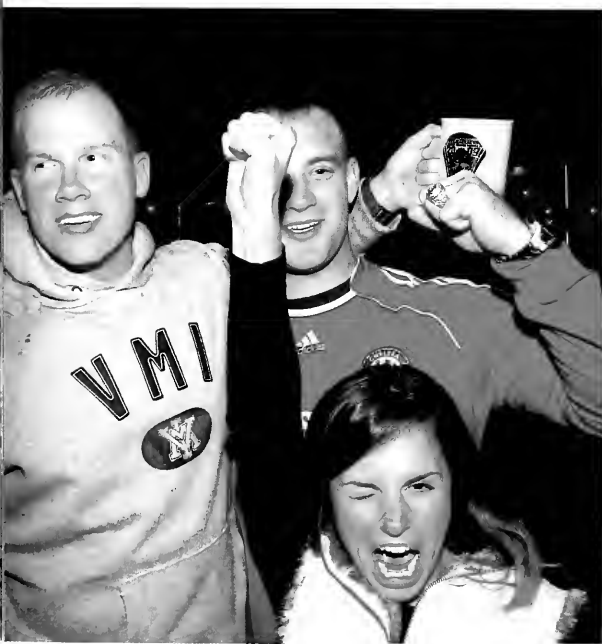
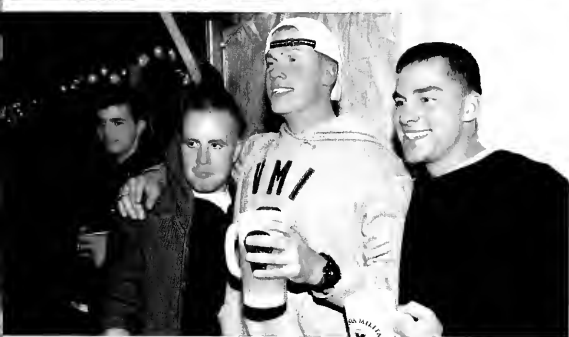














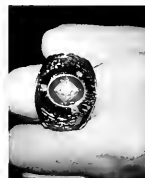
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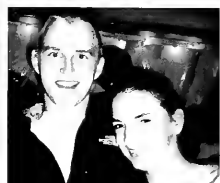




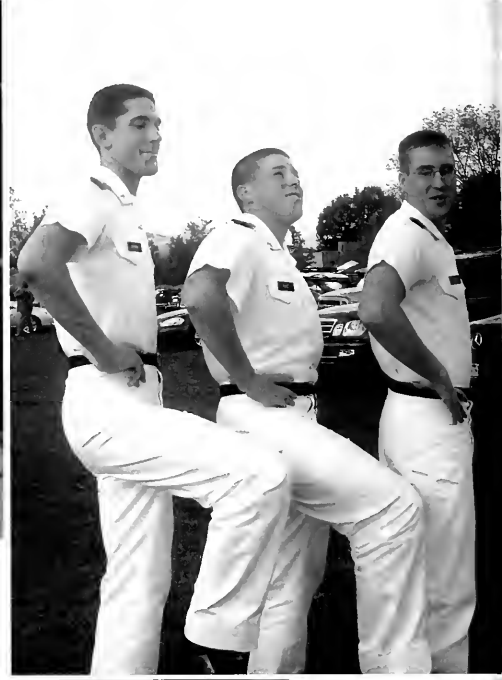
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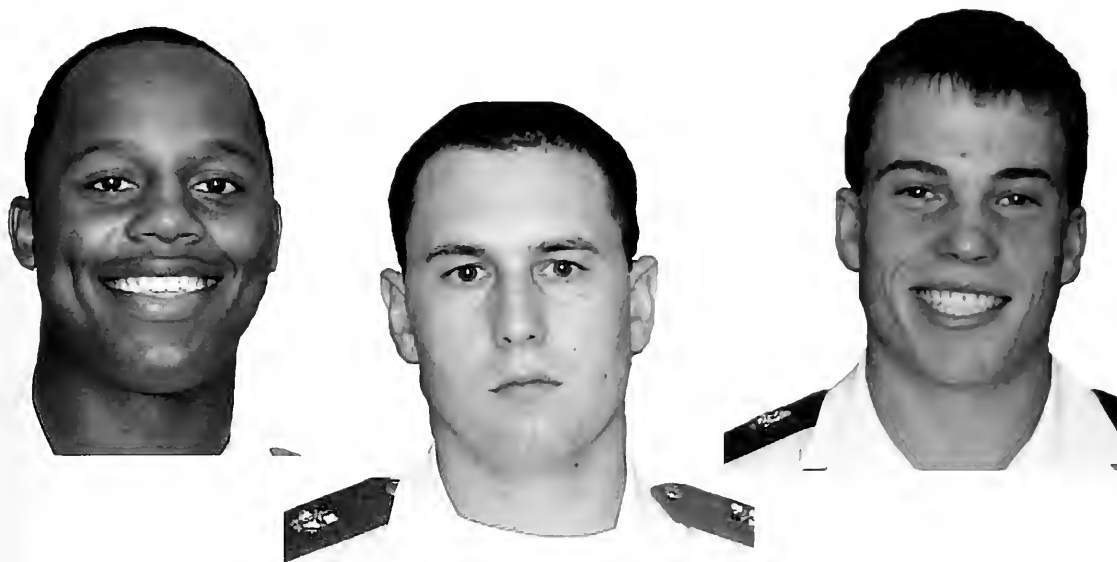
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The General Committee Officers of the Class of 2010

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Brother Rats,

Congratulations! You have made it halfway through your cadetship. Although over one fourth of our matriculating class has fallen, you have stood strong. Together we fought through the ratline and now we have defeated third class year - the worst year in barracks. If you can remember back to the first time I talked to you as a class, I told you of the three stages in life: dependency, independency, and interdependency. By now all of you should realize what VMI has done for us - we have become interdependent upon each other. This is a stage in life that none of your friends that go to "regular schools" have reached. In this year we have been kicked around and beaten up, but we helped each other, stood beside one another, and offered a helping hand to those in need. We all feel the bond growing within us. Never break that bond. Do you remember what we were told the day that we matriculated, that "the person sitting beside you might not make it?" It is now our duty - our responsibility - to ensure that the men and women beside us do make it through the Institute.

We now have a GC, an HC, and an RDC. We are one step closer to being First Classmen. Every alumnus that I talk to tells me that they regret not seeing "the big picture" when they were cadets. This place is bigger than us. We will leave and another class will fill our stoop. So, what are we going to leave this place with? It is time to make a change. Despite how we might feel, we are adults now. It has been said that the worst thing about being an adult is that you don't realize it until you are about a dozen decisions in. In the next two years, make a decision to make a difference - for it is the only way we will be remembered.

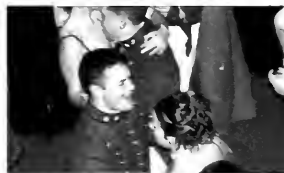
In closing, fix your eyes on the prize and never let go. Stand together and we will leave our mark on this Institute.

Sincerely,

Sloan Burns
2010 Historian

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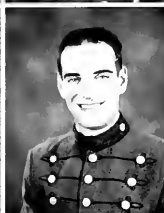
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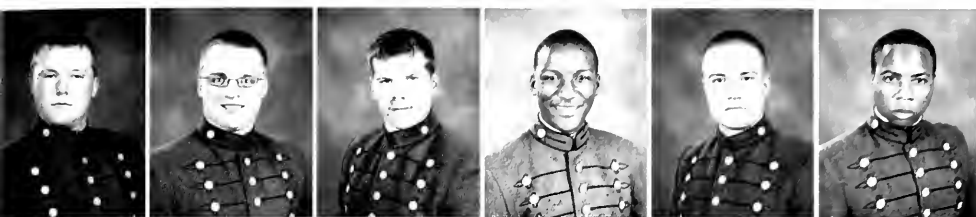


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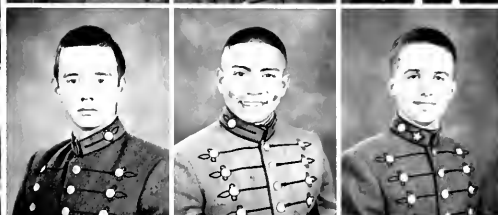




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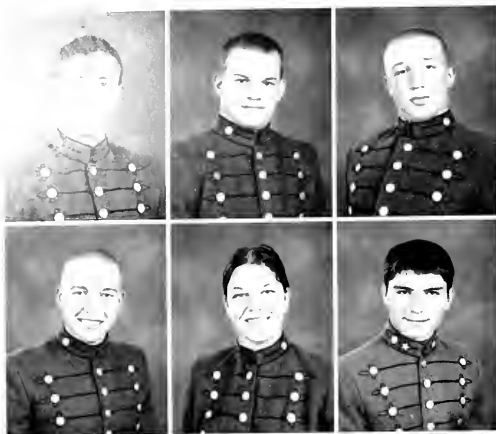


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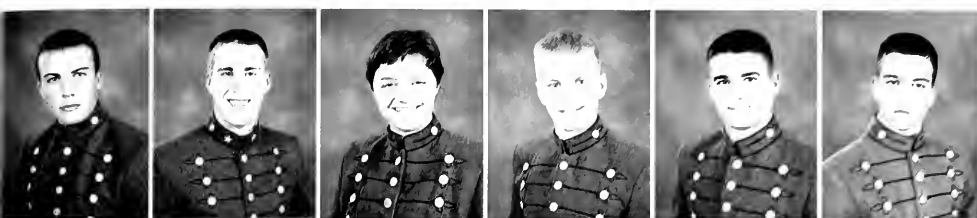


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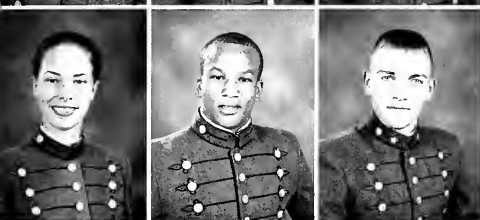
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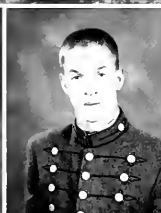
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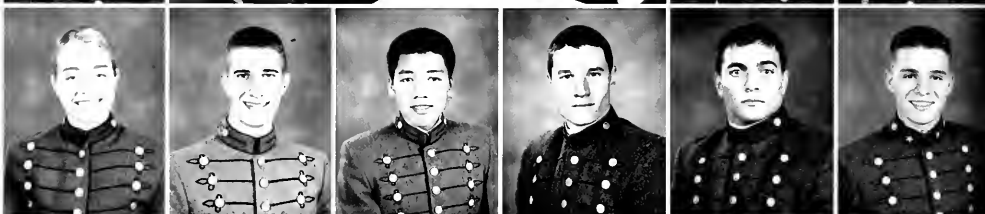
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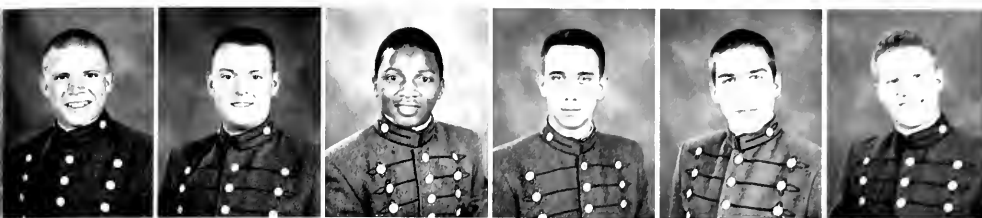


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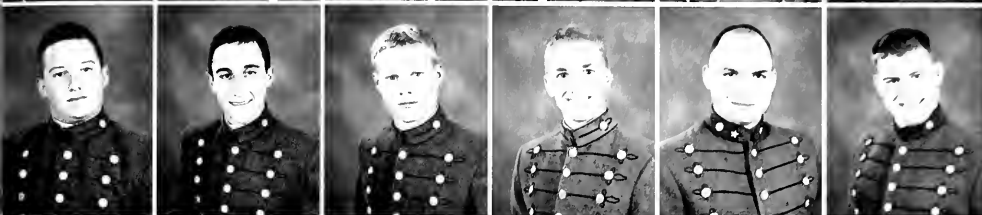


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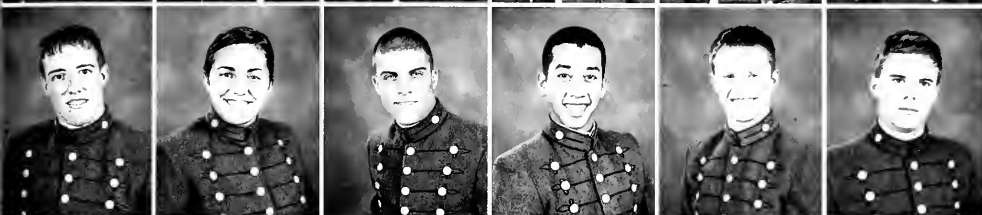




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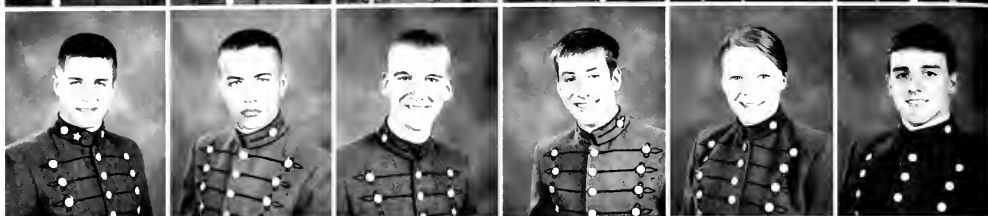
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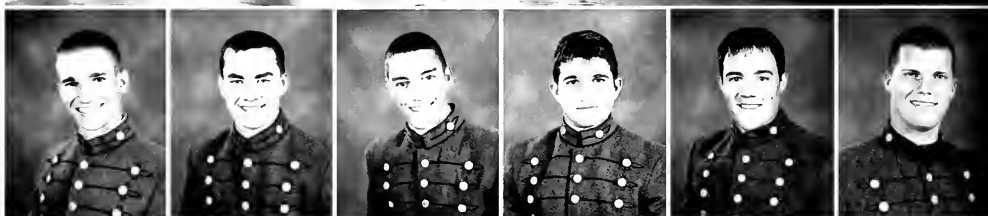
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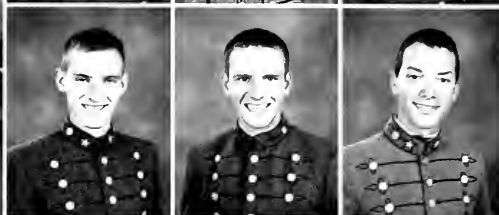




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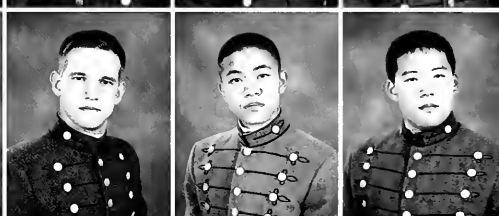
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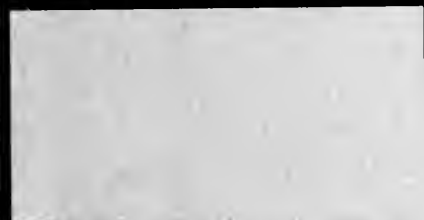


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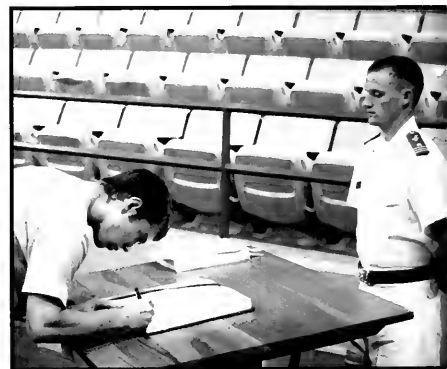
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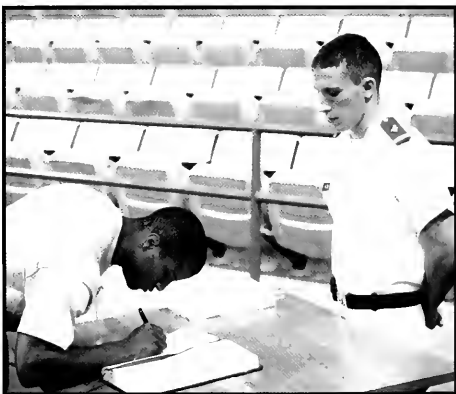
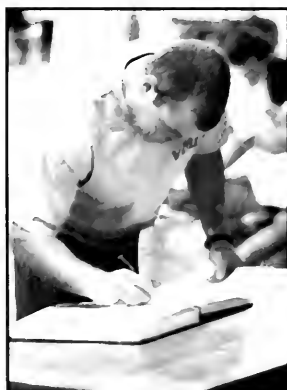
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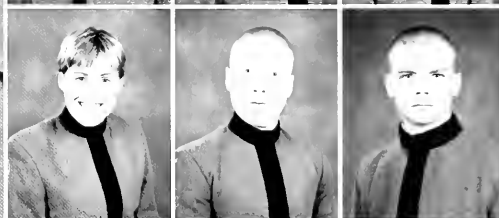


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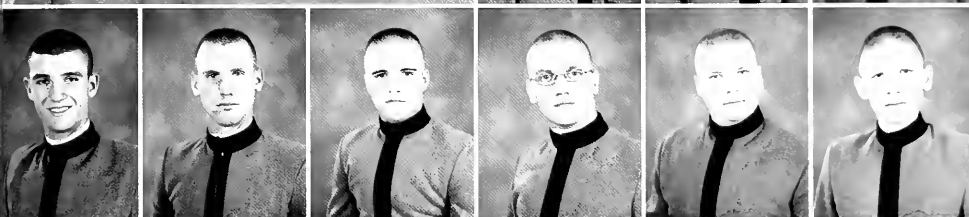


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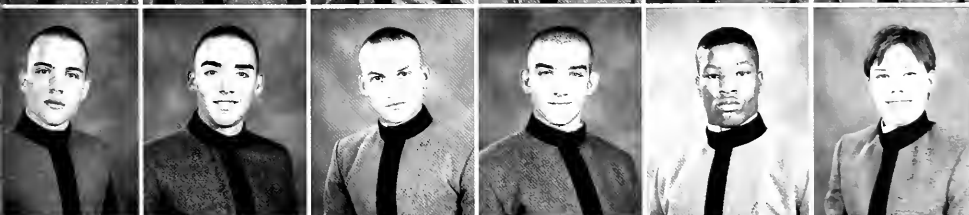
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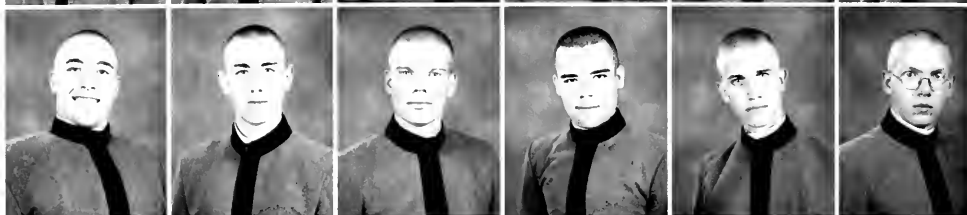


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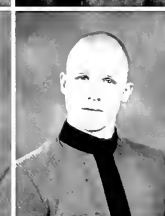
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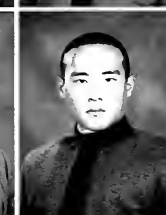
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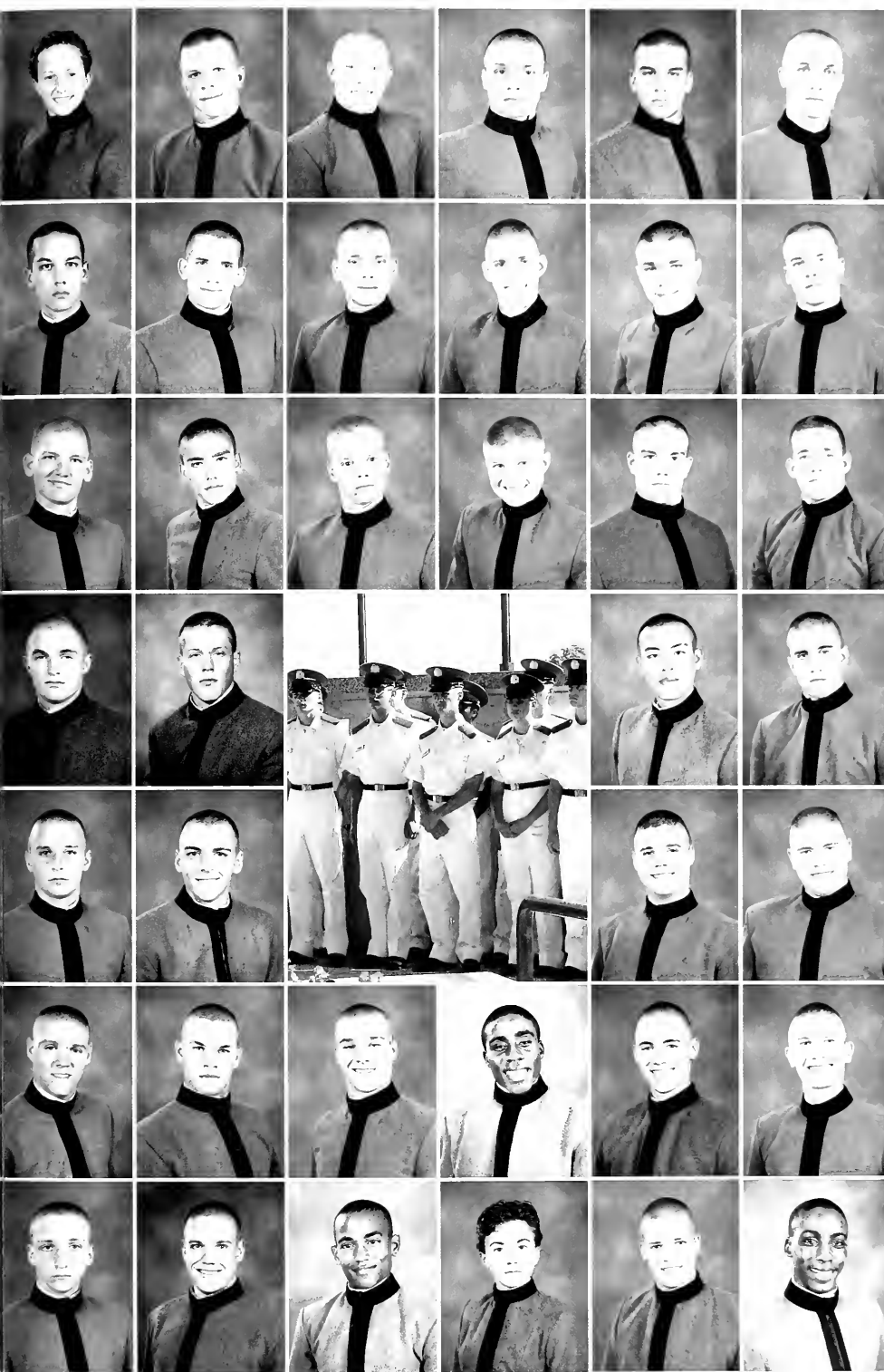
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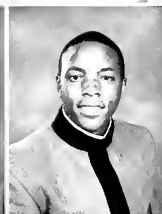
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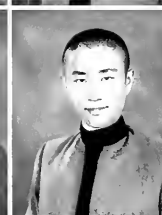
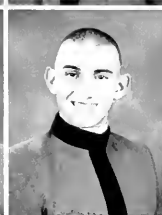
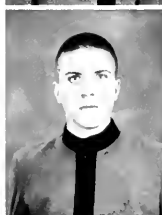
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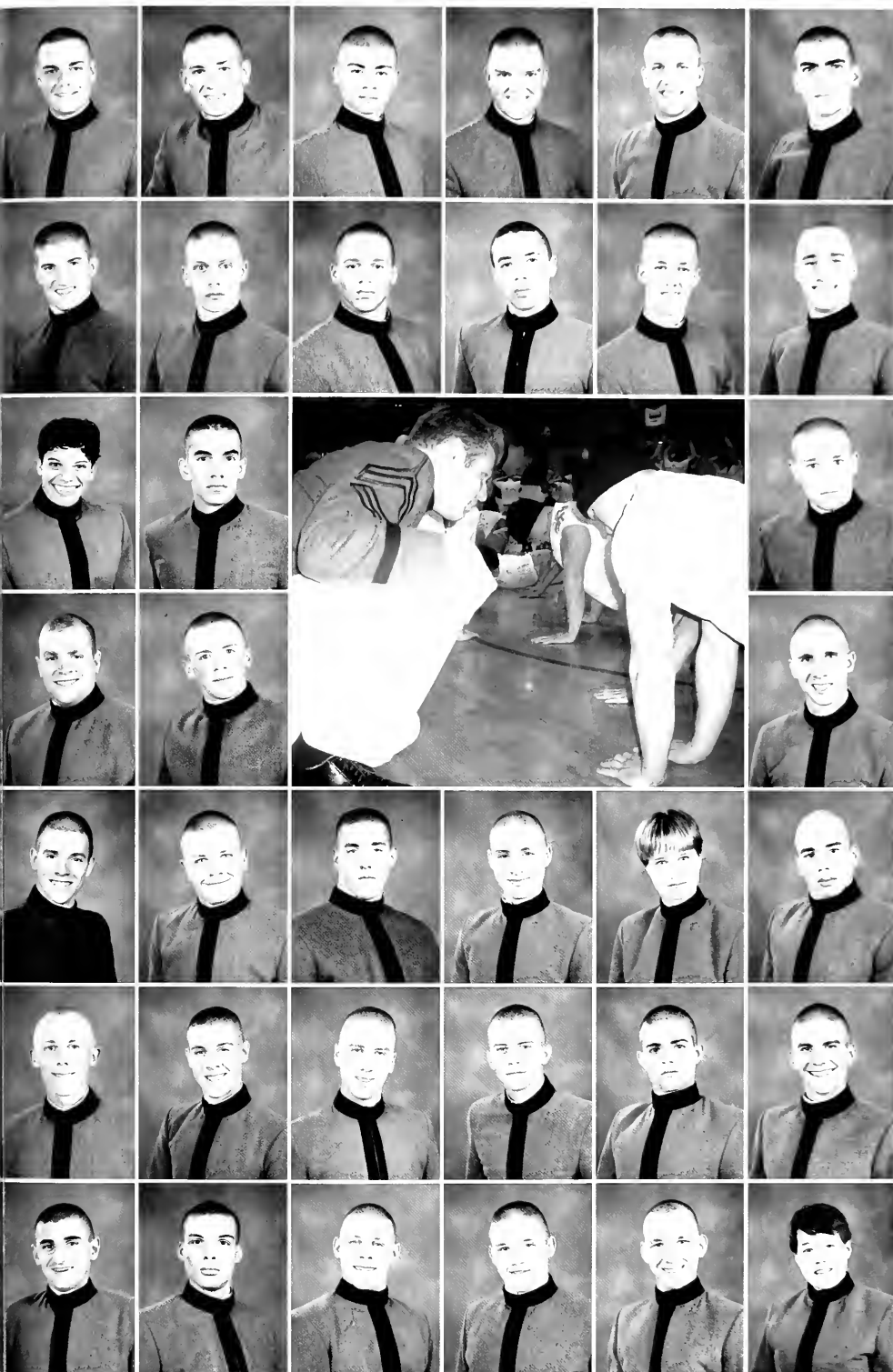


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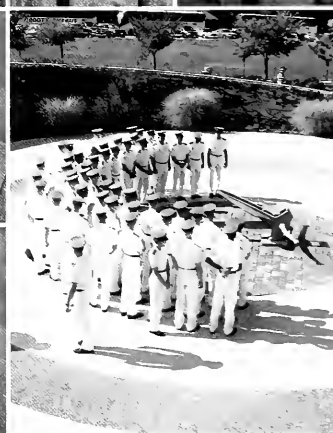
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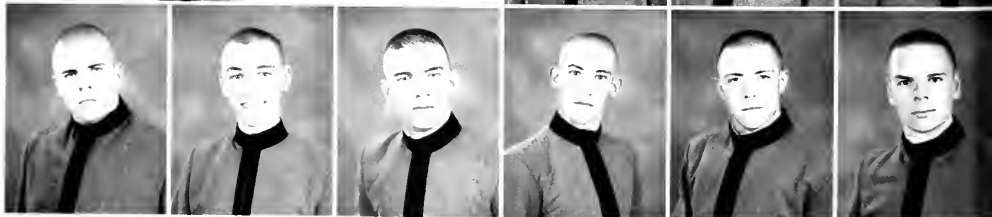
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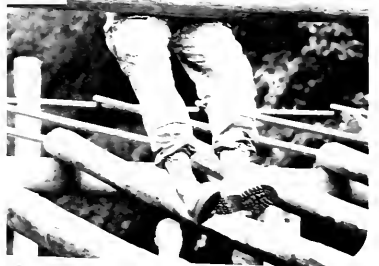
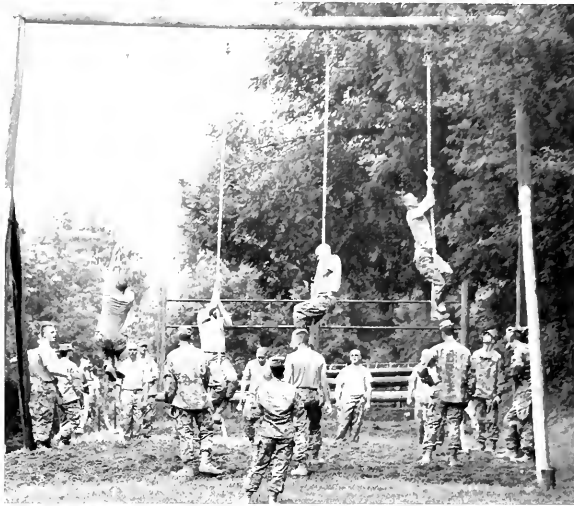
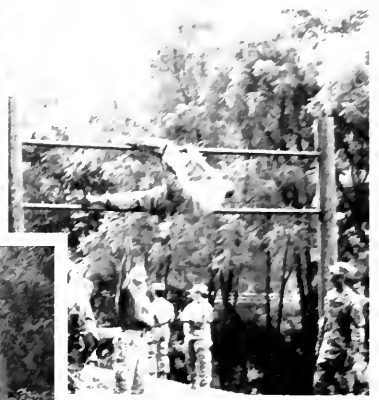
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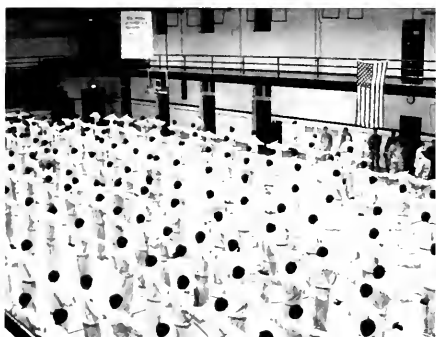


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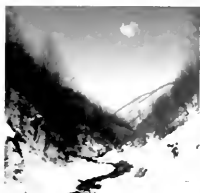


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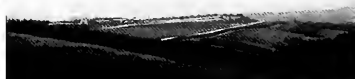


VMI'S





VETERANS



NCAA SPORTS

Red White and Yellow Floats on High
The Institute Shall Never Die
So Now Keydets With One Voice Cry
God Bless our Team and VMI



Our teams did a superb
job this season and will
continue to succeed this
upcoming fall.



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B BASEBALL

The graduating class of the baseball team include Corey Bachman, Ian Casher, Robert Crumpler, Jacoby Fields, John Goode and Chad Rice. With a series win over UNC Asheville in late April, the 2007 VMI baseball team broke the school's single-season record for wins by claiming their 31st triumph of the season. That marked the fourth time in five seasons that the feat has been accomplished. The team finished the season at 34-21, posting its second consecutive winning campaign. Hosting the highest-ranked opponent to ever come to VMI for a baseball game, the Keydets made history once again, claiming a 5-2 win over #3 Virginia on April 3 at Gray-Minor Stadium. It saw 2 Players selected in the 2007 MLB Amateur draft as Senior Chad Rice was taken by the Pittsburgh Pirates and Corey Bachman signed with the Chicago Cubs.

Senior shortstop Chad Rice earned First Team All-Conference honors while senior first baseman Robert Crumpler and sophomore hurler Michael Bowman garnered Second Team All-Conference recognition, as the Big South Conference announced its annual awards.

Crumpler was named Second Team All-Conference as he led the League in doubles (22) and slugging percentage (.655). The senior slugger also ranked second in the League with 14 home runs while placing in the top five in on-base percentage (.459), runs scored (55), RBI (52) and total bases (129).

Bowman becomes the second Keydet pitcher in as many years to make the Conference's Second Team, joining Trey Barham who was honored in 2006.

The VMI starting pitchers did an impressive job of getting games started the right way. In the team's 55 games, the starting staff had 26-13 record, combining for a 3.53 ERA. The trio of Trey Barham, Michael Bowman and Chris Henderson combined for a 21-10 mark in their 43

starts, posting a combined 3.22 ERA and 225 strikeouts in 243 innings. Meanwhile, they walked only 67 batters in their starts, as opponents hit .261 against the trio. Trey Barham became the first player in program history to receive a National Pitcher of the Week Award, earning the honor from the National Collegiate Baseball Writers' Association. Sophomores Michael Bowman and Kevin Crum were named to the Roger Clemens Award Watch List, joining junior teammate Trey Barham as announced by the Greater Houston Baseball Association. The Roger Clemens Award is given annually to the top pitcher in collegiate baseball.

With a 13-0 win against Coppin State in game one of a weekend series, VMI skipper Marlin Ikenberry became the school's all-time leader in coaching victories, surpassing Scott Gines' total of 104. His coaching record currently stands at 114-106.

The team won over a pair of top-ten opponents. The program's first-ever national ranking. A series win at an SEC school on opening weekend for the second straight season. An unprecedented run of 12 wins in 13 games. All of the above added up to what has been regarded as the greatest season in VMI Baseball history, when the Keydets broke the school record for wins once again, going 34-21 in 2007. However, it now falls to this year's squad to back up last year's success and show the college baseball world that 2007 was more than a fluke, but the start of a lasting trend in Lexington. The 2008 Keydets should be well-armed to prove that is the case. The pitching staff returns all 55 starts and nearly 75% of last season's innings pitched, including junior Michael Bowman and senior Captain Trey Barham anchoring the weekend rotation.

Offensively, the Keydet lineup will be young but experienced, with Shane Geisslinger returning in the Captain's position patrolling second base, with juniors A.J. Yoder, Captain Mike Roberts and redshirt-senior Thane Smith pacing the attack.

Trey Barham



Trey Barham is this year's 2007-2008 team captain.



VMI BASEBALL SCHEDULE



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| 2/23/2008 | Lafayette |
| 2/23/2008 | Lafayette |
| 2/24/2008 | Lafayette |
| 2/27/2008 | at James Madison |
| 2/29/2008 | Binghamton |
| 3/1/2008 | Binghamton |
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| 3/2/2008 | Central Connecticut State |
| 3/4/2008 | #12 Virginia |
| 3/6/2008 | at Auburn |
| 3/7/2008 | at Auburn |
| 3/8/2008 | at Auburn |
| 3/9/2008 | at Auburn |
| 3/11/2008 | Old Dominion |
| 3/12/2008 | at William & Mary |
| 3/14/2008 | Marshall |
| 3/15/2008 | Marshall |
| 3/16/2008 | Marshall |
| 3/19/2008 | at Norfolk State |
| 3/21/2008 | at High Point* |
| 3/22/2008 | at High Point* |
| 3/25/2008 | William & Mary |
| 3/26/2008 | at James Madison |
| 3/28/2008 | Winthrop* |
| 3/29/2008 | Winthrop* |
| 3/30/2008 | Winthrop* |
| 4/1/2008 | Richmond |
| 4/2/2008 | at Old Dominion |
| 4/4/2008 | Radford* |
| 4/5/2008 | Radford* |
| 4/6/2008 | Radford* |
| 4/8/2008 | VCU |
| 4/9/2008 | at Longwood |
| 4/11/2008 | at UNC Asheville* |
| 4/12/2008 | at UNC Asheville* |
| 4/13/2008 | at UNC Asheville* |
| 4/15/2008 | James Madison |
| 4/16/2008 | Norfolk State |
| 4/18/2008 | at Liberty* |
| 4/19/2008 | at Liberty* |
| 4/20/2008 | at Liberty* |
| 4/22/2008 | Coppin State |
| 4/23/2008 | Coppin State |
| 4/25/2008 | Coastal Carolina* |
| 4/26/2008 | Coastal Carolina* |
| 4/27/2008 | Coastal Carolina* |
| 4/29/2008 | at VCU |
| 4/30/2008 | Virginia Tech |
| 5/9/2008 | Maryland-Eastern Shore |
| 5/10/2008 | Maryland-Eastern Shore |
| 5/11/2008 | Maryland-Eastern Shore |
| 5/13/2008 | at Virginia |
| 5/14/2008 | Longwood |
| 5/16/2008 | Charleston Southern* |
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| 5/24/2008 | at Big South Championship |

BASKETBALL



A lot of excitement was generated by the Runnin' Roos during the 2007-2008 basketball season. The basketball team had a lot of expectations this past season. Coming off of a season where they appeared in the championship game last season, had two players top out nationally in two statistical categories, Reggie Williams most PPG and Travis Holmes most steal PPG. In addition the Keydets of the 2006-2007 season also won the most games in school history in the past 10 years.

The basketball season was not as successful as we would have liked it to be, but plenty good came from the 07-08 season. We defeated James Madison University (JMU) for the first time in many years and we were tied for 1st place in the Big South Conference at one point during the year. The team finished 5th in the conference this year, which was lower than they were expected to finish (3rd) but it was progress made from last season in which the team finished in 6th place. With injuries and coaches missing a few games, the team did pretty well.

As far as individual accomplishments, Reggie Williams became the all-time leading scorer in the Big South Conference, VMI, and in the state of Virginia for division-1 basketball players. He also received 1st team all-conference honors as well. Chavis Holmes was dubbed as an all-conference performer as well by being named 2nd team all-conference. Adam Lonon made the all academic team for the Big-South conference.

The freshmen that were brought in did an excellent job. The team has a lot to build upon for next season along with plenty of experience with some of the returning players. Although the team finished 14-15 this season, they had a winning streak of 6 games at one time. There is plenty to look forward to next year for VMI BASKETBALL.

Written by Reggie Williams
Class of 2008





VMI Basketball Statistics

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11-9-2007
vs Northern Colorado Air
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11-10-2007
vs Dartmouth
Colorado Springs L 87-98

11-14-2007
vs West Virginia Wesleyan
Lexington, Va. W 135-81

11-21-2007
vs James Madison
Lexington, Va. W 90-83

11-25-2007
at Ohio State
Columbus, Ohio L 57-90

11-28-2007
vs Columbia Union
Lexington, Va. W 156-91

12-1-2007
vs Army
Lexington, Va. L 69-71

12-4-2007
at South Carolina State
Orangeburg, S.C. L 88-89

12-8-2007
vs Howard
Lexington, Va. W 95-59

12-10-2007
vs Newport News Apprentice
Lexington, Va. W 112-96

12-20-2007
at William & Mary
Williamsburg, Va. W 83-72

12-30-2007
at Richmond
Richmond, Va. L 69-71



SCHEDULE

Sat 9/1/2007
VMI Season Opener
Lexington, Va.

Fri 9/7/2007
Blue Ridge Relay
Rocky Knob, Va.

Sat 9/8/2007
Blue Ridge Relay
Rocky Knob, Va.

Sun 9/9/2007
Blue Ridge Relay
Rocky Knob, Va.

Fri 9/14/2007
at Bulldog Invitational
Asheville, N.C.

Sat 9/29/2007
VMI Invitational
Lexington, Va.

Sat 10/13/2007
at Furman Invitational
Greenville, S.C.

Sat 10/27/2007
Big South Conference
Asheville, N.C.

Sat 11/10/2007
at NCAA Regional Championships
Louisville, Ky.

Mon 11/19/2007
at NCAA National Championships
Terre Haute, Ind.



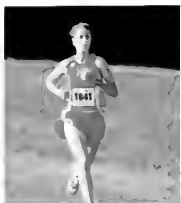
MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY



This past cross country season was an extremely important one for the future of our team. It came in a transition time between some extremely talented runners leaving and some freshmen with a lot of potential coming in. We weren't expected to do too well in the season but I think we surprised even ourselves. Without the help of Anthony Harris and Donnie Cowart, both of whom have been all conference in the past, we needed a lot of younger guys to step it up. Felix Kitur, a freshman, was our number one guy for most of the year and he had a very impressive season. This was his first cross country season and he ran some very fast times and almost won some big races. Matt Sagar really stepped it up this year and became our number 2 guy. Kurt Able, Ben Switzer, Andrew Rademaker and Jared Klajnbart helped add some needed depth to our team and were frequently in our top 5 when we needed them. Some other young guys such as Ermin Mujezinovic, Matt Satterwhite, and Geoffrey Mills ran some very fast times and will undoubtedly be in our top 7 next year. We placed 3rd in our season opener, 3rd in the Conference preview, and 7th at the Furman Invitational, which is very respectable. Also, we placed 5th at the Big South conference championships, it wasn't exactly what we were shooting for but with most of our top 7 being underclassmen, we are only going to get better. During the season, we had a strong pack with all of our top runners tightly grouped at around the same times. If we can keep that tight grouping and get one or two guys up in the higher positions, we will easily be in the top three next season. With our guys training hard over the summer and with some running over 100 miles a week, next season will be exciting. Donnie Cowart will return to the mix, and Felix Kitur, Andrew Rademaker, Matt Satterwhite, Ermin Mujezinovic, Jared Klajnbart and Matt Sagar are only going to get faster. With some more freshmen coming in and with Chad Bowman, Andrew Duty, and T.J. Laird returning from injury, we should perform very well this upcoming season.

Cross Country

Women



Cross Counry Memories



The women's cross country team made history in 2007 by being the first VMI women's cross country team to compete at the NCAA Regional Championships. Lead by 4th classmen Hannah Granger in every competition, the women also tied their highest finish ever at the Big South Championships with their 5th place team finish. Prior to the Big South Championships the women placed 10th at the Furman Invitational ahead of such schools as the University of Miami. At the Furman Invitational Hannah Granger set a new school record with a time of 18:45 for 5000m. Hannah also set a school record for 6000m at the prestigious Paul Short Invitational at Lehigh University where she ran 21:56 leading the women to a 40th place finish against some of the top cross country programs in the country. Rounding out the varsity squad for the women were 1st classman Ania Najda, 2nd classmen Kelsey Stafford and Christina Mowatt-Larsen, 3rd classman Emily Fritts and 4th Classman Erin Hawes.



Outstanding Athlete

Freshman Hannah Granger led the VMI women's cross country to a fifth-place finish at the Big South Championships on Saturday morning, as the Keydets matched their best-ever finish at a conference championship event.



X- Country

9/1/2007
VMI Season Opener
9/7/2007
Blue Ridge Relay
9/8/2007
Blue Ridge Relay
9/9/2007
Blue Ridge Relay
9/14/2007
at Bulldog Invitational
9/28/2007
at Paul Short Run
10/13/2007
at Furman Invitational
10/27/2007
at Big South Conference Championships
11/10/2007
at NCAA Regional Championships.
11/19/2007 at NCAA National Championships

VMI FOOTBALL

The 2007 VMI Football team finished their season with a 2-9 record. The Keydets won their season opener against Lock Haven, 20-0. That was the second year in a row that VMI shout-out their opponent in the home opener. Sophomore fullback Howard Abegesah led the way rushing for 134 yards on 22 carries. Other notable rushers included Senior Nat Jackson with 80 yards on nine carries and Sophomore Tim Maypray with 104 all-purpose yards. The VMI defense held the Lock Haven offense to just 66 rushing yards and 96 passing yards which were both best in the Jim Reid era. The Keydets then went into a three week slump losing games to William and Mary, James Madison, and Lehigh. It took a trip to Moon Township, PA, to bring VMI back to the winner's circle. The Keydets dominated on both sides of the ball to beat Robert Morris 40-13. The offense piled up 551 total yards. Sophomore Kyle Hughes became the first VMI quarterback since 1991 to run and throw for 100 yards in a

game. The defense, led by Seniors Marcus Brown and Tommy Lloyd, forced two turnovers and registered 11 tackles for loss including four sacks. The VMI offense continued to roll while racking up over 500 yards in three of their next four games. Still that wasn't enough for the Keydets to come out victorious. Tim Maypray's 346 all-purpose yards against Charleston Southern are the most in VMI and Big South history. Kyle Hughes 87 yard touchdown pass to Maypray is also a Big South record for longest pass play. The Keydets final two losses against Liberty and the Citadel capped an inconsistent season for VMI. Still VMI managed to have six players named to the Big South All-Conference squad. Tommy Lloyd was first team at defense, while Tim Maypray was selected to the first team as a return specialist. Second team members included quarterback Kyle Hughes, running back Howard Abegesah, slotback Tim Maypray and offensive guard Robert Brown. Linebacker Jake Rochester was also name to the conference All-Academic squad for the second straight year.





UMI FOOTBALL 2007 SCHEDULE

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| 9/1/2007 | vs Lock Haven | W 20-0 |
| 9/8/2007 | vs William & Mary | L 16-63 |
| 9/15/2007 | at James Madison | L 17-45 |
| 9/22/2007 | at Lehigh | L 6-37 |
| 9/29/2007 | at Robert Morris | W 40-13 |
| 10/13/2007 | vs Presbyterian | L 21-45 |
| 10/20/2007 | vs Gardner-Webb | L 22-36 |
| 10/27/2007 | at Coastal Carolina | L 35-42 |
| 11/3/2007 | vs Charleston Southern | L 28-37 |
| 11/10/2007 | at Liberty | L 34-73 |
| 11/17/2007 | vs The Citadel | L 28-70 |





SENIOR



DAVID JACOBS

4

SENIOR



JOHN COLLIER

1

JUNIOR



WILL CARLTON

28

JUNIOR



SEAN MCCOY

3

SOPHOMORE



ZACK HENKE

26

FRESHMAN



Lacrosse Schedule

10/12/2007
vs 2007 Alumni Game
10/19/2007
at Washington & Lee
2/9/2008
at Navy Annapolis
2/16/2008
at Army West Point
2/23/2008
at Bellarmine
2/27/2008
vs Presbyterian
3/4/2008
at Virginia
3/8/2008
at Robert Morris
3/11/2008
vs Robert Morris



LACROSSE

The VMI Lacrosse team has a successful season.



The 2008 Lacrosse team consists of a great group of VMI cadets. Coach Shirk entering his second year as head coach is looking to spark a new campaign of VMI Lacrosse with the 2008 season. With the help of new coach Chris Feifs, a 2007 graduate of the University of Maryland, and veteran coach Nat St. Laurent, the team has set its goals on competing for the MAAC championship in May. The team is led by a strong senior class that has bought into Shirks system. After a senior camping trip in the fall they have accepted their individual roles in making the team better. The team works hard day in and day out to prepare for conference play. Practices are tough as every man on the team competes for their spot to play each week.

In the goal is Third Classman Shaun McCoy. McCoy is a great goalie who plays with great emotion. He can be depended on to make the saves he is supposed to as well as those you need when it counts.

The defense is led by seniors

Patrick Zanelotti and Brett Whitsitt. Both seniors are leaders on the field and work hard to hold the team together.

The team's midfield will depend on the skill of third classman Timmy Moran, Bobby Davis, and Brett Leonard. Moran, a talented and relentless player, will lead the midfield, but together they are a strong offensive threat.

Seniors Matt Harrison and Kevin Hill lead the 2008 teams attack with the help of Sophomore Jacob Weimer. Kevin Hill looks to have another great season as last year he was a 2nd team all MAAC selection. Matt Harrison will look to play a key role as great shooter, with tenacious riding ability.

This year's team has been working hard since the fall and continues to work in order to achieve its goals. After a rough season last year we are looking forward to turning things around, and are hungry to compete for the conference title.

Lacrosse Schedule

3/15/2008
vs Marist*
3/22/2008
at Providence*
3/29/2008
vs Wagner*
4/5/2008
vs St. Joseph's*
4/12/2008
at Siena*
4/19/2008
vs Canisius*
4/26/2008
at Manhattan*



Sean McCoy



VMI RIFLE

The VMI Rifle Team finished as 1st ROTC MAC All Conference Champions in Boston at Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

The Keydet rifle team finished their season with an impressive 8 shooters on the MAC All Conference Varsity Smallbore Teams and an overall record of 11-4 smallbore and 8-6 air rifle. Chelsie Kosecki, James Leenhouts and team captain John Nikiforakis finished at the top during the final match of the season in Boston.

This season, 14 personal records were set by the Keydets. The efforts made by the team qualified the VMI Mixed team to shoot for the Sharpshooter division championship. This year's record of 11-4 marks the 4th straight winning season for the rifle team, making it one of the only VMI teams to have a winning record for four consecutive years.

Plagued with the construction and renovation of Kilbourne Hall, VMI rifle competed with construction times and a season of all away matches. The leadership of the first team members carried the team and provided the necessary tools and skills to overcome these challenges. Following the completion of Kilbourne Hall, the Keydet marksman will have a renovated facility and the start of a very hopeful season.

The close of this season also brought a close to VMI rifleman John Nikiforakis. His four season career as a Keydet contributed to three expert division championships, two team-score records, and two personal all conference spots. To date, his aggregate score for the past four seasons is the highest in VMI history. His support and leadership on and off the range will be missed.

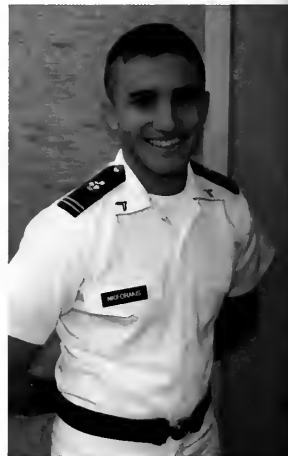


The three upperclassmen who dominated the VMI Rifle Team in 2007- 2008.



Junior Chelsie M. Kosecki comes in first at the first match of the season against MIT in Boston in September.

TEAM CAPTAIN, this year's only senior on the team, John P. Nikiforakis, leads the team to many victories, including the MAC ROTC Title in March of 2008.





THOMAS GOTTWALD, an outstanding leader of the rifle team, continues to improve his score during the season.

VMI RIFLE TEAM, at the Citadel in January, beat their rival in smallbore competition during the match.



VMI RIFLE SCHEDULE 2007-2008

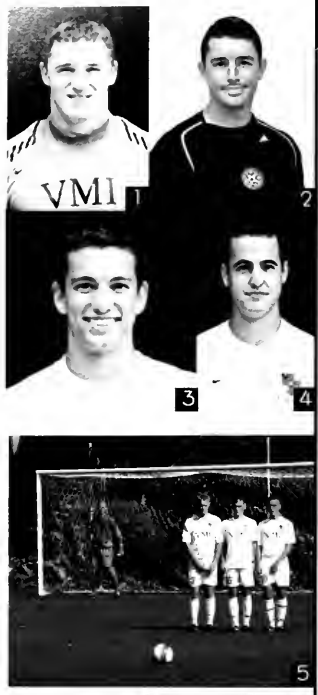
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| 9/29/2007 | at MIT, Wentworth |
| 10/27/2007 | at University of the Sciences |
| 11/3/2007 | at Akron, John Jay, IUP |
| 11/10/2007 | at Morehead State |
| 12/8/2007 | at Hofstra, SUNY Maritime |
| 1/19/2008 | at The Citadel, Air Force |
| 2/2/2008 | at N.C. State |
| 2/16/2008 | at West Virginia University |
| 3/1/2008 | at MAC Championships |

Men's Soccer Stats

2 TOP LEFT: Captain
John Sollock
TOP RIGHT:
VMI third-year Head Men's
Soccer Coach Ben Freakley

3 MIDDLE LEFT:
Junior Barrett Luxhaj
4 MIDDLE RIGHT:
Junior Jose Andueza

5 BOTTOM TAG
Some of Men's soccer players
during their game against
Gardner-Webb.



MEN'S SOCCER



The 2007-2008 soccer season started off with three Keydets playing for VMI for the last time. Those three cadets were: Steve Phillips, Jeremy Clement, and John Sollock. In the first scrimmage of the season Clement suffered a wrist injury that would keep him out until late October. A couple of weeks later Sollock received a thumb injury that wouldn't allow him back in the goal for the rest of his senior season. With a small amount of senior leadership to begin with, a month into the season the Keydets had to regroup and reevaluate. The soccer team entered their first conference game, against Coastal Carolina at the end of September, with a 4-2-1 record. The Keydets lost that game, and then lost to cross-town rival, Washington & Lee, a couple of days later. The following Saturday the Keydets hosted UNC-Asheville in the Big South home opener. VMI won this match and that set up a showdown against Virginia



Tech, ranked 8th nationally at the time and finished the season ranked 3rd. The Hokies proved that their ranking was no fluke and the Keydets moved to 500 on the season. Two weeks later the soccer team traveled to Radford in what would end up being a preview of the Keydet's first round match in the conference tournament. VMI lost this matchup in double overtime and entered the last two weeks of the season with a 5-7-2 record. The last home game of the season the Keydets hosted High Point and second classman, Barrett Luxhøj, made sure the Panthers were not going to ruin senior day by scoring two goals. VMI

didn't finish the season the way they hoped, losing at Liberty. This put the Keydets seeded 5th going into the tournament and facing Radford. At the banquet, the night before the tournament, the regular season awards were announced. This season the Keydets had three rats named to the All-Freshman team: forward, Zach Morgan; midfielder, David Hill; and goalkeeper, Brian Sowell. Daniel Welsh was also named to the All-Academic team. The next day the Keydets faced the 4th seeded Highlanders. The Keydets were a little short handed going into the game as the second class decided to forgo the tournament for their Ring Figure. VMI lost to Radford, who later played in the conference finals. The Keydets ended the 2007-2008 campaign with a 6-10-3 record. Looking forward to next year, VMI returns nine of the 11 players who started in that conference tournament game.

SCORE BOX

8/25/2007 vs Richmond
8/27/2007 at George Washington
8/31/2007 vs Georgia Southern
9/2/2007 vs Appalachian State
9/5/2007 vs Gardner-Webb
9/12/2007 vs Howard
9/16/2007 vs South Carolina
9/21/2007 at Manhattan
9/23/2007 at Philadelphia
9/29/2007 at Coastal Carolina
10/3/2007 at Washington & Lee
10/6/2007 vs UNC Asheville
10/9/2007 Virginia Tech
10/14/2007 vs Winthrop
10/17/2007 at Wofford
10/24/2007 at Radford
10/28/2007 vs Presbyterian
10/30/2007 vs Longwood
11/3/2007 vs High Point
11/6/2007 at Liberty
11/15/2007 vs Radford / Big South Conference





SCORE BOARD

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| 8/25/2007 | USC Aiken |
| 8/31/2007 | Howard |
| 9/3/2007 | The Citadel |
| 9/7/2007 | at Wofford |
| 9/9/2007 | South Carolina State |
| 9/12/2007 | Campbell |
| 9/16/2007 | at Richmond |
| 9/19/2007 | at Delaware State |
| 9/22/2007 | Appalachian State |
| 9/25/2007 | at Navy |
| 9/29/2007 | Coastal Carolina* |
| 10/2/2007 | outhern Virginia |
| 10/6/2007 | at Liberty* |
| 10/10/2007 | at Radford |
| 10/14/2007 | High Point* |
| 10/18/2007 | Longwood |
| 10/21/2007 | Presbyterian |
| 10/24/2007 | at Winthrop* |
| 10/28/2007 | UNC Asheville* |
| 11/3/2007 | at Charleston Southern* |



Women's SOCCER



Celine Ziobro



Chrissy Beach



The 2007 VMI women's soccer team finished up the fourth season as a member of the Big South Conference with a record of 5-2-16. Erin Squires, along with Alexa Bernas were co-captains beginning in the spring of 2007 and during competition in the fall. The team consisted of the two seniors, three juniors: Megan Strand, Celine Ziobro, and Alexa Tarbona, five sophomores: Audrey Falconi, Alexi Staton, Jess Robbins, Chrissy Beach, and Kat Underwood, and six freshmen: Jen Ball, Angela Redmond, Heidi Beemer, Kat Hindley, AJ Baker, and Carolyn Kenaley. With four subs, two of which were goalies, we managed to pull off a decent season and shock some big names in women's Division 1 soccer. We started the season with a 3-1 record before we had a long stretch of hard losses to some good teams. Our first loss was to Wofford who beat us last year 0-4, but this year they barely managed to beat us in a close game that had them winning 0-1. We then had a win followed by two close losses, one of which to Richmond University who was expecting to annihilate us, but instead beat us 0-2. Three games after the Richmond game we took on Navy who was ranked 16th in the country last year. We played a tough game and surprised the Navy squad when Alexa Bernas scored the first goal of the game, but they scored two goals to beat us 1-2. In one of our last competitions of the regular season we beat the second-seeded team in the Big South conference 2-1. At the conference tournament Audrey Falconi was named part of the second-team all-conference and Angela Redmond was named part of the all-freshman team. We finished up the 2007 season competing for the first time in the conference tournament and lost by 1 to the top-seeded Coastal Carolina team. Recently, we were awarded with the Big South Women's Soccer Sportsmanship Award and a month later with the Team Academic Award from the National Soccer Coaches Association of America. The 2006-2007 team won this award by obtaining an average GPA of 3.2.

MEN'S SWIMMING



With the VMI Swim and Dive Team moving from the North Eastern Conference down to the Coastal Collegiate Swimming Association, the Keydets embraced the challenges that accompanied it. With opponents such as Davidson and Coastal Carolina, our team recognized that this new league was on a higher demanding level than what we previously experienced.

The season started off with a match against the newly established Gardner-Webb Swim Team, where we determined our strengths as a whole and noted areas of improvement. This meet was also the first home meet since the '04-'05 season. With a new record board, new lane lines, and a new digital time clock, the Cocke Hall Pool was beginning to feel more like a Division I facility. As the weeks progressed, the team unanimously decided that it was time to step up into gear. With the privilege to compete in a new swim league comes the responsibility of pushing ourselves to the limit.

The yardage and intensity of our exercises began to increase dramatically; nevertheless, our drive and determination helped us enhance our times and technique. What once seemed like an impossible practice became every day occurrences. Between the months of October and February, we nearly doubled the amount of weekly yardage that went into our training.

Once conference championships rolled around in mid-February, we were prepared more than ever both physically and mentally. At the start of the championships, it took us some time to adjust to our rival's skill as well as the new conference. However, on the second and third day of champs, when many teams begin to tire and relax, the VMI Keydets pressed on and out-scored several of our opponents. As team captains, we can honestly say that our first championship meet in the CCSA was by far the best meet we have swam. Although we did not walk away with a 1st place trophy, we formed stronger bonds as teammates, increased our physical capabilities in the water, and turned the page into a new chapter of the VMI Swim and Dive dynasty.

Chris Beyer
Peter Blades
Peter Borchelt
Jason Webb

Team Captains
'07-'08 Season



Peter Borchelt



Jason Webb



Chelsea Marie Nugent



Peter Blades

WOMEN'S SWIMMING

The women's swim team has only been around since 2005-2006. With each passing year, the team has grown more and more. This year, we had two new swimmers as well as our diver. Briana Allard is a freshman from Fairfax, Virginia, and graduated from Robinson Secondary High School. She is competing as the first diver in the short history of the women's program. She works very hard to expand her dive list and to improve each individual dive. Allard proved to have great potential when she competed in the CCSA Championships. Allard competed in four events this season. She became VMI's first female competitor in diving, scoring a 118.05 at home against Pfeiffer and Randolph on October 27, 2007.

Alexa Bernas is a senior from Mechanicsville, Virginia, and graduated from Mechanicsville High School. Bernas joined the team after a very successful soccer career. She is a hard worker in practice and has shown great improvement in a short period of time. She gave the sprint relay teams a chance to break school records. Bernas competed at the Yellow Jacket Invitational and at Radford against Virginia Tech, Davidson, and RU.

Chelsea Nugent is a freshman from Glendale, California, and graduate from Flintridge Sacred Heart HS. She is an aggressive racer who is just scratching the surface of what she can do. Nugent competed in every event this summer and established new VMI Rat records in each of the nine events she competed in, as well as eight new VMI varsity records.

Stephanie Ortiz is a junior from Stafford Virginia and graduated from Brookepoint HS. This season was her first opportunity to compete at a conference championship. She also competed at Radford in the season's final meet.

Ateala Tuff is a junior from Newman Georgia and this year's women's swim team captain. She continues to improve and saw her times improve at the CCSA Championships.

Chris Beyer
Peter Blades
Peter Borchelt
Hank Lee
Walter Stull
Jason Webb
Andrew Morse
Trevor Stanco
Stephen Russell
Andrew Baity
Charlie Barnett
Paul DeValk
Justin Ferrell
Jeff Turner
Will Rowcliffe
Kevin Bocanegra
Daniel Bogert
Preston Craft
Tristan Euritt
Andrew Jeter
Joe Kang
Scott McFather
Corey Morgan
Cam Rushton
Chuck Snyder
Alex Brush
Jake Jackson
Josh Jeffcoat

Ateala Tuff
Briana Allard
Alexa Bernas
Chelsea Nugent
Stephanie Ortiz



Ateala Tuff '09



T RACK & FIELD

Men's Track & Field dominates this season during their competitions.

The indoor Track & Field season started off early this year with the Liberty Invite and Kent State Gala, both before Christmas break. The team was able to get back into the competitive groove and brush the dust off the spikes. After returning from Christmas break the team traveled to New York for the Great Dane Classic at the historical Armory. The Keydets presence at the meet was felt with Anthony Harris winning the mile and the Distance Medley Relay comprised of Jared Balsor, Jared Klajnbart, Donnie Cowart and Anthony Harris winning and setting a new meet record with 10:04.60. Three freshmen, Dennis James, Felix Kitur and Cody Davis, showed that they would be forces to be reckoned with this season and years to come. Dennis cleared 6'7" in the high jump placing 2nd, Felix missing 1st by one-one-thousandth of a second in the 800m and Cody throwing the weight 49 feet 3 inches. Jasper Watkins

was on the verge of qualifying for IC4A's in the 400 with 49.32 only missing it by 0.12 seconds and Andrew Rademaker made a top five finish in the 5000 meter look easy against a competitive field. At the VMI Winter Relays Tyler Tucker was runner-up in the pole vault with the bar at a

Kevin Sullivan



height of 13 feet 10 1/2 inches. Erik Kuster, a freshman placed third by hurling the shot 49 feet 5 3/4 inches. The Liberty Quad meet the very next weekend Senior Corey Houck and Junior Jared Klajnbart ran the 800 meter distance in 1:58.02 finishing 3rd and 1:56.41 to finish 2nd respectively. James Alexander finished 3rd in the 400 meters with a time of 52.88 seconds, while Chad Lawson scooped up some points in the weight throw by tossing it just over 47 feet. A few Keydets went to Boston University's Valentine Invitational instead of the Liberty quad meet. The 4 X 400 meter relay team consisting of Jasper Watkins, Hamid Abdurrahim, Felix Kitur and Jared Balsor posted a season-best time of 3:19.30 qualifying them for the IC4A's. The Distance Medley Relay team also qualified for the IC4A's and finished third overall. Senior Anthony Harris posted 1:54.14 in the open 800 meter. Watkins, Balsor, and Abdurrahim all ran strong performances in the 400 meter running 49.54, 50.58 and 50.72 seconds respectively. Ab-

durrahim also ran the 55-meter high hurdles with a finishing of 8.31 seconds. At the Virginia Tech Challenge Jasper Watkins ran a lifetime best in the 200 meter with 21.77 seconds, which qualified him for the IC4A's. Sophomore Taiili Evans competed in the long jump leaping to a season best of 22 feet 7 1/4 inches. Felix Kitur ran the 800 meters

in a time of 1:50.63, breaking a 24-year-old VMI record held by Henry Sanchez in 1984. Ben Switzer and Andrew Rademaker both set new lifetime best, Ben in the mile with a 4:21.96 and Andrew in the 3000 meter with 8:41.80. In the Big South Championships the men finished fourth with 78 points and many all conference honors. Felix Kitur won the 800 meter with Donnie Cowart finishing 4th, Anthony Harris 6th and Jared

Klajnbart 7th. The distance medley relay made up of Ben Switzer, Jared Balsor, Corey Houck, and Matt Sagar place second, while the 4X400 meter relay made up of Hamid Abdurrahim, James Alexander, Felix Kitur, and Jared Balsor finished 4th. Anthony Harris earned all-conference honors in the mile finish 3rd with Donnie Cowart right behind him. Jasper Watkins finished 5th in the 400 meters, Hamid Abdurrahim ran a lifetime best in the 60-meter hurdles, placing 4th. Taiili Evans finished 8th against a challenger in the 60 meter dash. In the 5000 meter Matt Sagar came in 8th with Andrew Rademaker seconds behind him for 9th place. Chi Chi Ezekwe was able to leap to a 4th place finish in the high jump. Erik Kuster and Chad Lawson finished 6th and 9th as freshmen in the shot put respectively. Taiili Evans was able to add a 5th place performance in the long jump for valuable points. Tyler Tucker finished seventh in the pole vault and also had a top-10 finish in the heptathlon, as he placed 5th. Michael Munson also competed in the heptathlon finishing seventh. It was a strong Conference showing for everyone and a good team effort to wrap up the indoor season.

STAR ATHLETES



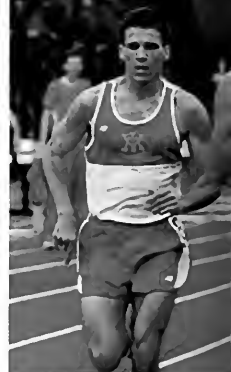
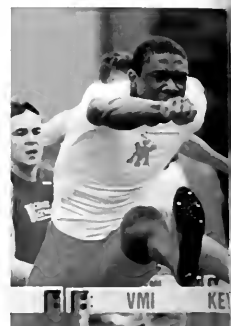
Jasper



Tyler



Donnie



Track & Field Schedule

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| Fri | 11/30/2007 | at Liberty Invite |
| Sat | 12/1/2007 | at Liberty Invite |
| Fri | 12/7/2007 | at Kent State Gala |
| Sat | 12/8/2007 | at Kent State Gala |
| Fri | 1/25/2008 | at Great Dane Classic |
| Sat | 2/2/2008 | vs VMI Winter Relays |
| Fri | 2/8/2008 | at Liberty Invite |
| Sat | 2/9/2008 | at Boston University |
| Fri | 2/22/2008 | at Virginia Tech |
| Sat | 2/23/2008 | at Virginia Tech |
| Fri | 2/29/2008 | vs Big South Cof |
| Sat | 3/1/2008 | vs Big South Cof |
| Sat | 3/8/2008 | at IC4A Championships |
| Sun | 3/9/2008 | at IC4A Championships |
| Fri | 3/14/2008 | at NCAA Conference |
| Sat | 3/15/2008 | at NCAA Conference |
| Thu | 3/20/2008 | at Coastal Carolina |
| Fri | 3/21/2008 | at Coastal Carolina |
| Sat | 3/22/2008 | at Coastal Carolina |
| Sat | 3/29/2008 | Univ. of South Carolina |
| Fri | 4/4/2008 | at Duke Invite |
| Sat | 4/5/2008 | at Duke Invite |
| Fri | 4/11/2008 | at U Va Invite |
| Sat | 4/12/2008 | at U Va Invite |
| Thu | 4/17/2008 | vs Big South Outdoor |
| Fri | 4/18/2008 | vs Big South Outdoor |
| Sat | 4/19/2008 | vs Big South Outdoor |
| Wed | 4/23/2008 | at Penn Relays |
| Thu | 4/24/2008 | at Penn Relays |
| Fri | 4/25/2008 | at Penn Relays |
| Sat | 4/26/2008 | at Penn Relays |
| Thu | 5/1/2008 | at Liberty Last Chance |
| Sat | 5/10/2008 | at Last Chance Meet |
| Fri | 5/16/2008 | at IC4A Championships |
| Sat | 5/17/2008 | at IC4A Championships |
| Sun | 5/18/2008 | at IC4A Championships |
| Fri | 5/30/2008 | vs NCAA Regional |
| Sat | 5/31/2008 | vs NCAA Regional Championships TBA |

WOMEN'S TRACK & FIELD



This year's women's track and field team is one of the best set of female athletes VMI has ever had. Throughout this competitive season the women appear to be putting forth maximal efforts in preparation to be some of the top scorer's within the Big South Conference. In the field events (throws) we have: Sophomore Michelle Feole who was All Conference last outdoor season with a record breaking throw of 37.89 meters in the javelin. This season Michelle is expecting to give VMI women's track nothing less than another record breaking performance at the conference meet. Freshman Aquisi Harris, a discus thrower from Salem, Virginia, has worked hard during indoor and is ready to make her debut this outdoor season in the discus. Aquisi has a lifetime best of 117 ft. 7 inches in the discus and will be one of the top contenders in her event. Also competing in the throws will be freshmen Laura Resetar and Hope Hackemeyer. Both of these ladies have worked hard during the fall and will be competing in the hammer and the javelin. In the jumps we have: Senior Ashley West who currently holds five of VMI's school records in the long jump and the high hurdles. Ashley has performed fairly well this fall and plans to better her current records before the completion of this outdoor season. Along with Ashley are Freshmen Alisha Jenkins and Zipporah McCann. Alisha is known for her strengths in the multi-events. She has a personal best of 17 ft. 11 inches in the long jump, 5 ft. in the high jump, and 36 ft. 7 inches in the triple jump. With her hard work we can expect impressive results from her in the near future. Zipporah is also a competitor in the long, triple, and high jump. She has a personal best of 18 ft. 2 inches in the long jump, 5 ft. in the high jump, and 36 ft. 7 inches in the triple. This outdoor season Zipporah plans to further her marks in the jumps which will give her the opportunity to score for the women's team. In the sprints we have Junior Shannon Sellers. During the fall, Shannon competed in the 60 meter dash, and



we can expect her to compete in the 400 meters this outdoor season. Along with Shannon we have Sophomore Chandale Williams. Chandale is a well known competitor in the 400 meters and tied the school record of 59.4 seconds last year. This season Chandale surpassed the 400 meter record with a time of 58.4 seconds, and she is expected to be a top scorer at the outdoor conference meet. With the determination and efforts put forth by the women's team they are expected to place higher than ever in the overall team rankings this outdoor season.



WOMEN'S TRACK & FIELD ROSTER

| | | |
|-------------------|--------------------------|-----|
| Ashley West | Sprints, Relays, Hurdles | Sr. |
| Ania Najda | Mid-Distance, Steeple | Sr. |
| Sara Hanson | Film Manager | So. |
| C. Mowatt-Larrsen | Distance | Jr. |
| Shannon Sellers | Sprinter | Jr. |
| Kelsey Stafford | Distance | Jr. |
| Michelle Feole | Throws/Javelin | So. |
| Chandale Williams | Sprints, Relays | So. |
| Danielle Dove | Relays | Fr. |
| Hope Hackemeyer | Throws | Fr. |
| Erin Hawes | Distance | Fr. |
| Hannah Granger | Distance | Fr. |
| Aquisi Harris | Throws | Fr. |
| Alisha Jenkins | Jumps, Hurdles, Relays | Fr. |
| Zipporah McCann | Jumps, Relays | Fr. |
| Laura Resetar | Throws | Fr. |



VMI

WRESTLING

11/3/2007 vs Anderson
W 16-13

11/3/2007 at Virginia
L 3-42

11/3/2007 vs Wagner
W 28-18

11/10/2007 vs Pembroke
W 3rd Place

11/18/2007 vs Keystone
W - 1st Place

12/1/2007 vs Davidson
W - 2nd Place

12/2/2007 at Nittany Lion
L - No place winners

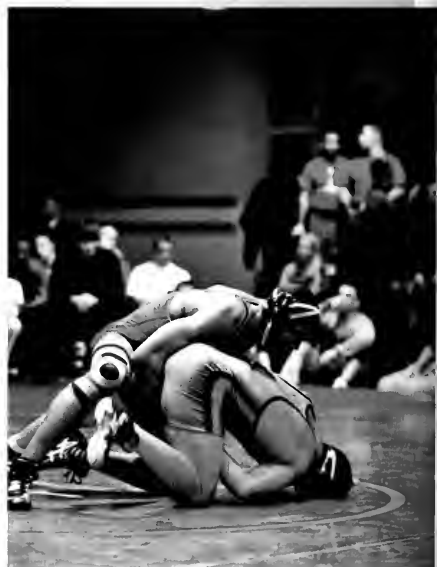
12/7/2007 at Gardner-Webb
W 21-16

12/29/2007 at Southern
Scuffle
L- No Placewinners

Team Captains Dustin McCabe, Tommy Cunningham, and Tyler Anthony, led the VMI Wrestling team this year throughout the pre-season and regular season. Jeremy Adams, Vince Cole, and former team captain and 5th yearman David Metzler were the other First Classmen that contributed significantly to training and mentoring of the young wrestling team. At seasons end we had six Fourth Classmen wrestling varsity with the other 4 weight classes filled by First Classmen. The wrestling team was young and inexperienced but held together by the strong leadership of the team captains and first classmen.

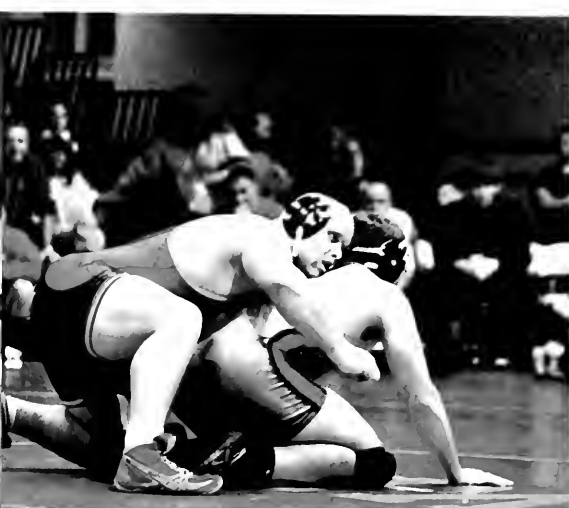
The season highlights included First Classman Tommy Cunningham winning his last ever home match in front of the Corps as his season had to be cut short due to injury and future commitment to become a pilot in the U.S. Air Force. Other highlights include First Classman Dustin McCabe winning every match in terms of physically out-performing opponents, and more often than not in the final match score as well. David Metzler had an outstanding senior campaign and career at VMI totaling over 92 wins, 22 of them by pin. Freshman Josh Wine qualified for the NCAA Championships after his outstanding performance at the Southern Conference Championships capturing 1st place. The team as a whole had impressive home dual meet victories over Gardner-Webb, Davidson, and Delaware State in the Thunderdome.

Next year the wrestling first classmen expect the reputation of the wrestling team (both on and off the mat) to be carried on by the underclassmen, as they will step-up into greater roles on the mat and in the Corps of Cadets. The future of VMI Wrestling looks promising as Head Coach John Trudgeon and Assistant Coach Chris Skretkiewicz continue to do a great job recruiting and training the team.





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1/5/2008 at Virginia State
5th of 6 teams

1/12/2008 vs Campbell
W 21-14

1/12/2008 at George Mason
L 12-29

1/16/2008 at UNC Greensboro
L 12-33

1/22/2008 at The Citadel *
L 10-28

1/25/08 at Davidson*
W 28-10

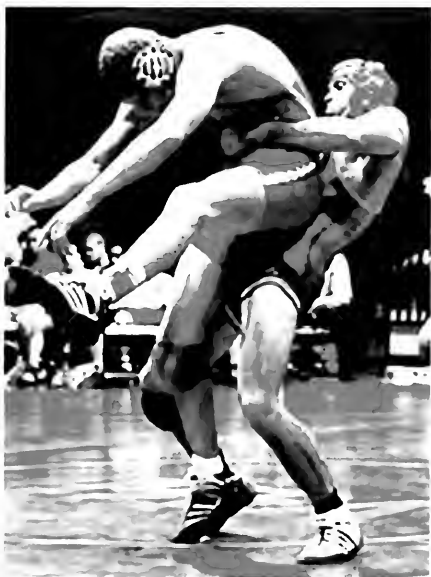
2/2/2008 at All-Academy
6th of 8 Teams

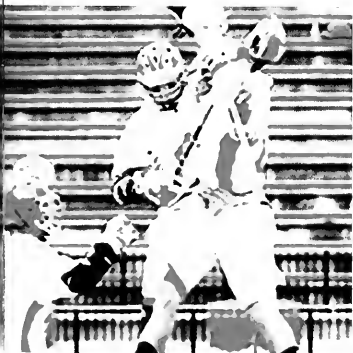
2/8/2008 #19 Chattanooga
L 3-41

2/13/2008 Delaware State
W 39-12

2/16/2008 at Duke
L 12-22

2/17/2008 at Appalachian State *
L 4-42





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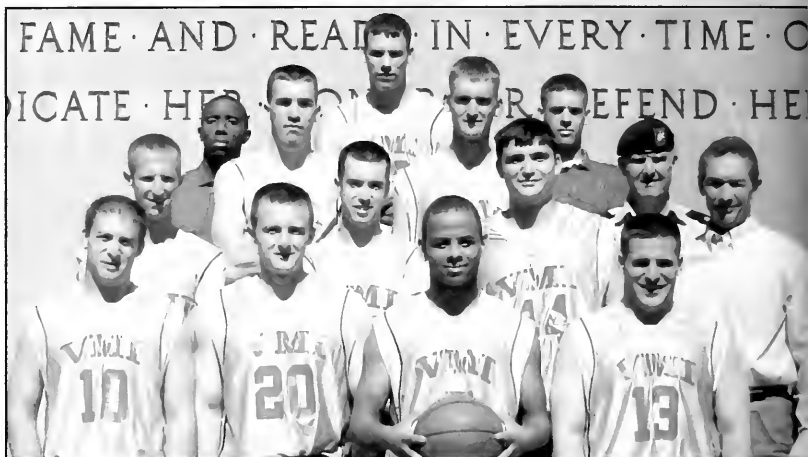
ALPINE SKI TEAM

Scott Sanders, Jared Siebenaler,
Alex Oliver, Justin Brinkman,
Evan Farley, Daniel Williams



BASKETBALL

Brett Carpenter, Eric Swann,
Edward Freeman, James
Harvey, Christopher Cashen,
Solomon Choi, David
Schlaseman, Marcus
Carlstrom, Eric Hunter,
Stefan Stark, Ben Smith,
Jeremy Gibbs, Andrew
Compton, Luke Leichty,
Samuel Kang, Joseph Alley,
Glyn Phillips, Jeremiah Sexton



BODY BUILDING

Bradley Pruitt, Christopher Boys-
White, Durham Snuffin, Patrick
Pillow, Jacob Brannen, Jarrett
Bennett, Justin Wiezorek,
Christopher Somma, Rhys Keller,
Anthony Korbely, Rammy Barbari,
Daniel Simpson, Chase Nelson,
Daniel Stanislawski, Peter Levrant,
Joshua Gerardo, David Staab, Mark
Parton, Dayton Blume, London
Crounse, Reza Eftekhari, Michael
Kim, Derrick Leland, Paul Bailey,
Michael Johnson, David Lochart,
Benjamin Robertson, Robert
Stockman, Owen Thulin

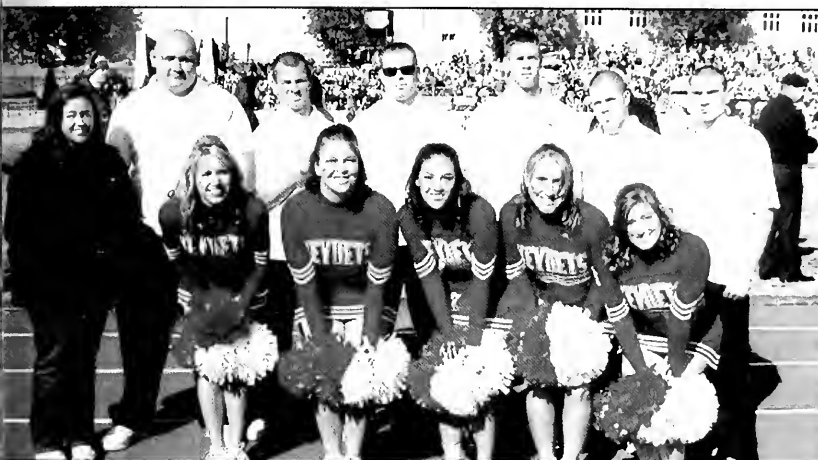


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CHEERLEADING

Rebecca Cranwell, Megan Strand, Christina Stalnaker, Brandon Bryant, Jenkyn Kittrell, Kara Noble, Elizabeth Carlos, Carrie McAtee, Jessica Daniels, Bradley Pruitt, Andrew Compton



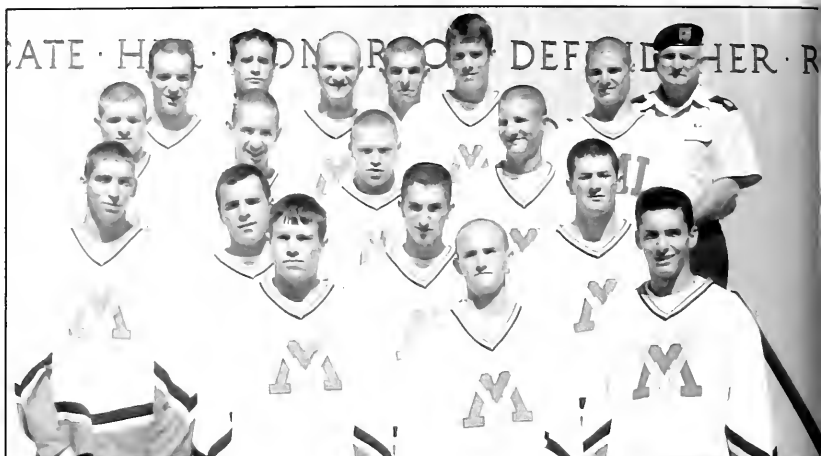
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ICE HOCKEY

Mark Gliebe, Justin Smith, Peter Saragnese, Kurt Seidl, Andy Adldoost, Tom Hayden, Patrick Maloney, Drew Horgan, Patrick Eggleston, Chris Mendillo, Jason Bowman, Eric Wittig, Daniel Arthur, Thomas Field, Josh Geher, Matt Parmer, Alex Cowdry, James Lockett, Andrew Smith



LACROSSE

David Grey, Ryan Corcoran, Alexander Gray, Robert Morris, Joseph Messina, Robert Hindle, Daniel Brewer, David McCown, Christopher Martin, Ericsson Davis, John Bowman, Mitchell Messick, Lydon Van Den Berg, Matthew Long, Michael Long, Jonathan Howe, Austin Keller, Alex Oliver, Andrew Rohrback, Grant Martin



MARATHON

Jacob Swanson, Sean Peterson, Joshua Anderson, Patrick Eggleston, Ira Gallagher, Mitchell Gardner, Alexander Harms, Ryan McCormick, Eric Nold, Johnathan Ostermann, Josef Schroeder, Ava Schultz, Mark Woodard, Gary Worley



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MARTIAL ARTS

Nicholas Campbell, Justin Cook, David Ferreira, Adam Grabill, Christopher Johnston, Daniel McCord, Brian Nilles, Michael Nowakowski, George Nutter, Joseph Purello, Ross Ramsay, Mitchell Ress, Josef Schroeder, Andrew Washbish, Andy Zyra



POWERLIFTING

Brandon Bryant, Dave Feltes, Andrew Compton, Daniel Von Schuch, Chris Cole, Chris Boyls-White, David Miles, Lee Hafkemeyer, Taylor Farley



RUGBY

Adams KS, Alderman AC, Bacheller BP, Bates NL, Bowman TJ, Boykin MR, Bice DB, Brister JE, Britt JG, Brookes PT, Bryant BK, Buell RS, Calhoun JC, Cary SG, Chapman TC, Connolly BC, Correll WR, Costello IR, Cristiano JM, Dacunha GE, Darconte CF, Doseff AI, Englehart MJ, Forbes CC, Garrett DR, Gleason BL, Griffith EA, Hill RP, Hingley DM, Hurley KG, Johnson MD, Jordan RY, Knight CJ, Life RC, Lincoln CP, Lippiatt GE, Lynch RN, Madsen NA, Mello ST, Messina DC, Olson EA, Pratt LG, Predom MD, Ralston AT, Rhoades ZG, Richardson JJ, Rodgers HL, Ross CJ, Ruppert SJ, Sartori RC, Shenefield JS, Shirkey JJ, Smith AJ, Sturgill JR, Tammelin JS, Tharp ZC, Watts AD, Wasson MF, Wessel KS, Whitman LM, Wilcox MJ, Winoker JN, Wirth PR, Wray RB

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SOCCER

Jonathan Roland, Adam Barr, James Kerr, Matthew Winks, Andrew Beard, Charles Crowder, Caleb Dixon, Joshua Dixon, Richard Pfrogner, Andrew Aloisio, Daniel McKeegan, Jonathan Kim, Danh Nguyen, Christopher Zarycki, Sean McLachlan, Jerry Hickey, Thomas McDavid, Karl Cutler, Christopher Mayberry, Joshua Splinter, Chase Bailey



SOFTBALL

Kady Rohan, Katherine Bopp, Nora Choi, Jessica Rheinlander, Alexa Tarbona, Asia Pastor, Kelly Vickery, Rachael Toman, Angie Gomez, Sarah Halnon, Rachael Halnon, Anna DeFrank, Monica Hamlin, Dalton Brockman, Cierra Reaves, Ivette Villa



TRIATHLON

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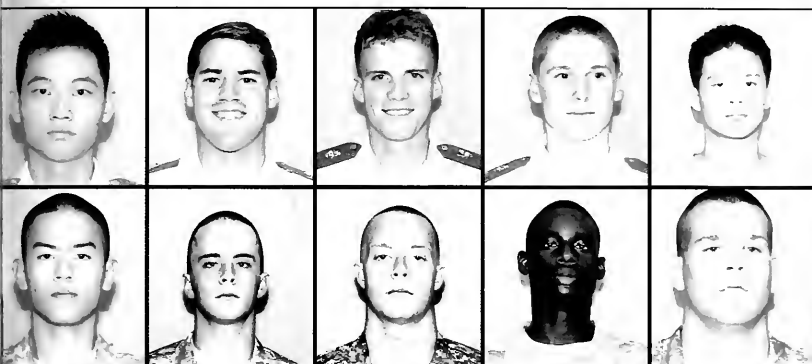


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ULTIMATE FRISBEE

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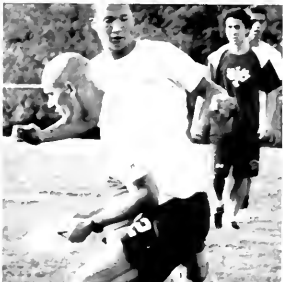


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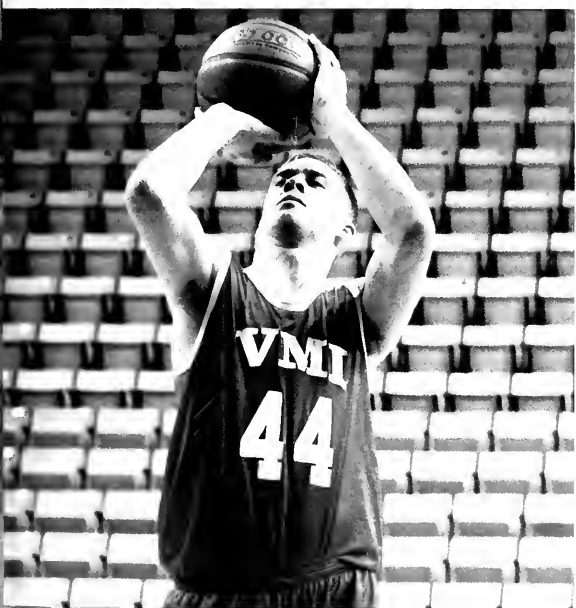
Wei-Yu Shih, Miles Treacy, Ching-Hang Chen, Yuwei Chang, Bridger Hodsden, Preston Craft, Keith O'Donnell, William Hagan, Dylan Knehr, Dennis James, Nathanael Salatin



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**Big Brother/
Big Sister**



Drill Team



**Emergency
Response Team**



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Glee Club



Lexington
Rescue Squad



Psychology

Special Actions Detachment



Sounding Brass



Theater





Timber Framers



Wrecking Crew

American Chemical Society
Big Red Club
Cadet Newspaper
Civil War Round Table
College Democrats
College Republicans
Commander's Jazz Band
Fellowship of
Christian Athletes
Lexington Firefighters

New Cadet
Military Training
Paintball
Philosophy
Pipe & Drum
Promaji Club
Timmons-Gentry
Music Society
Virginia History Society

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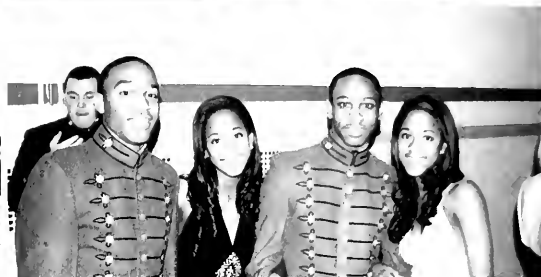


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OUT WITH IN WITH

Old Moe retires and lets New Moe fight for the Red, White, and Yellow



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Congratulations
on all your
accomplishments
We knew you could do it!
Love
Mom, Dad, Adam and the
rest of your family



**CONGRATULATIONS
MATT PAYNE
CLASS OF 2008**

**Your family is proud
of you and we wish you
the best
always.**



Matt Payne
Rat Year

Andrew G. Dionne
Class of 2011



Congratulations on Breakout!
The journey is the reward.
Love, Mom, Dad, Mary Katherine, Caroline, and
Lindsay.

In 2005, a friend asked me if I was proud of you for getting into VMI ...
My response: "Getting in was the easy part, I'll be proud if she makes it all 4 years..."



Well, it's 3 years later and you will be graduating from VMI in 2008 not 2009...
I'm exceptionally proud now...
Love ya always,
Mom

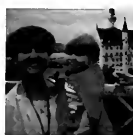


CONGRATULATIONS
ANDREW, GRAHAM, CHUCK, AND KEVIN
AND CLASS OF 2009 ON YOUR RING FIGURE!



*With deep pride and
respect...and our best
wishes for your
continued success!*

*Your
Parents*



Cadet Michael Joseph Baro Vinacco



To Our Buddy Boy

We are so proud of you and of all you have achieved and accomplished. You have a great future ahead of you. Just follow your heart and trust in God to lead you the right way. Know your family will always be behind you, and we'll love and support you forever.

Nosey, nosey, love,

Mom, Dad, Alaina, Ellie, and Maggie (and Pepper)

For once you were full of darkness, but now you have light from the Lord. So live as people of light! For this light within you produces only what is good and right and true. Ephesians 5:8-9



Stefanie M. Johnson



Moreover let us exalt and triumph in our troubles and rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that pressure and affliction and hardship produce patient and unswerving endurance.
Romans 5:3

We are proud of you daughter.

Mom & Dad, Emma, Sissy, Howard and Henry

Cadet Andrew C. Stiles '08

From Ratline to Regimental...



It was not always easy,
It was not always fun...

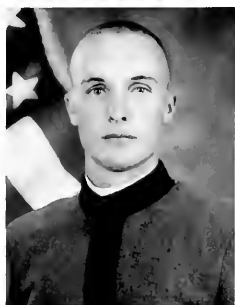
But it was *always* worth it!

Congratulations, Andrew.
Love, Mom, Dad and Tyler



Illegitimi non Carborundum

Cadet Zachary Henke
Class of 2011



Alex Scaperotto--Class of 2011



Son, we are very proud of you. Love, Mom and Dad

THIS IS YOUR TIME!
"Z"



Congratulations #35!
Patrick Joseph Zanelotti

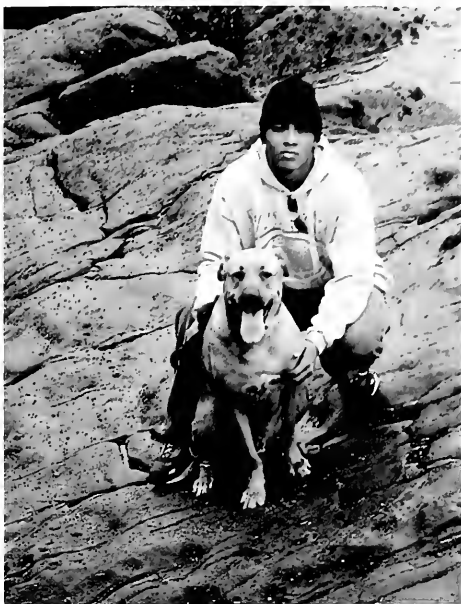
May you grow up to be righteous
May you grow up to be true.
May you always know the truth
And see the lights surrounding you.
May you always be courageous,
Stand upright and be strong
May you stay--forever young.
B. Dylan

We are so proud and love you...
Dad, Mom and Your Family

Elizabeth McPherson



From ballet slippers to toe shoes to Army boots! We are so proud of you.
Love, Mom, Dad, Stacey & Drew



IT WAS A
“STRAINING” YEAR
BUT YOU MADE IT.
WE KNEW YOU
COULD “BREAKOUT”.
GOOD JOB SON

Love Mom & Dad
Grandma & Grandpa Harris
Grandma Groves and
All your family

Cadet Travis Lee Daniel '11



We couldn't be prouder of you!

Mom, Dad, Tabitha, Amanda,
Heather and Jeff Durham '05

**The VMI Class of 1977
(Super '77) Salutes Tom
Pace '11 for keeping that
Old Corps Spirit and
making us proud!!!**

Buzzums

Nashman

JJ

Uncle Barney

...and the Dadmonster

Cadet Fritz Boniface Class of 2011

re•solve v

to make a firm decision
to change or convert
to remove or dispel doubts
to bring to a successful
conclusion

MAY YOU BE WHAT YOU
RESOLVE TO BE

Love, Dad



Congratulations on
completing this part
of the journey!
We are so proud of you!

Love Mom & Dad
and all of the Barthellos

The Redmond's Journey to VMI:



WE-RATS (l-r Thomas, Angela and Stephen 1995)



PRE-STRAINS (l-r Angela, Stephen, Thomas--Ft. Henry, Kingston, Ontario 1997)



VMI Class of 2008 +3
(l-r Thomas, Stephen, Angela--New Market, VA)

Completion of your "**Rat Year**" -- what an **AWESOME** accomplishment. As you forge ahead on this amazing journey, we know that the lessons learned from this experience will serve you well; now and throughout your life. May you meet the next 3 years with the same enthusiasm that you have exhibited thus far. Always remember, you can do whatever you set your mind to. Believe in yourself.....Trust in God.....follow your heart!

We are proud of you ... JOB WELL DONE!

All our Love Mom, Dad,

Nikki, Chris, Rhyanna, and Uncle Bud

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE BROTHERHOOD
THAT HAS LIVED IN ROOM C28**

Obstacles melt away
when we have the will to succeed.
Congratulations Johnny ---
Love,
Mom, Dad and Stephen

Your habit of giving your best,
win or lose,
you've been just the kind of son
we would choose!
Love, Mom & Dad

You're braver than you believe,
and stronger than you seem,
and smarter than you think!

We are so proud of you and all that you have accomplished,
Love, Dad, Mom and Katie

Your successes and fears are all relative. "You have
within yourself that which makes you great. You
have self-discipline, willpower, self-respect and the
ability to concentrate and to persevere."

Love,

Mom, Dad and Steven

Congratulations, Cadet Curtis Clayton Register! Class of 2011!



You are the RESISTER-
FROM RAT TO CADET!
We never had a doubt that
you had the "Right Stuff"
to push through all the way!

With our pride
and deep affection,

Mema, Marie, Scott,
Alex, Bill, Lana
Rae, and M.O.M.

Congratulations

Tyler Byam '11
and
Joe McIntosh '08



There is more to us than we know. If we can be made to see it, perhaps for the rest of our life, we will be unwilling to settle for less.

- Kurt Hahn

Matthew S. Thomas

Class of 2011



Congratulations Matt. We knew you could do it.
We are so proud of you.
Dad, Mom, Stacey, Ayla and Graham



Congratulations to Cadets Young, Handler and Snuffin
and the Class of 2009 on your Ring Figure!

Leaders aren't born they are made. And they are made just like anything else,
through hard work. And that's the price we'll have to pay to achieve that goal,
or any goal.

Vince Lombardi



**Congratulations Alex, Hank, Julian, David and Josh on your Ring Figure.
Your families are extremely proud of you and wish you much continued success.**



**Congratulatons Pat, Alexander, Jordan, Derek
and the Class of 2009 on your Ring Figure.**

From Rat to Ring, your hard work shows.

What a milestone!!

**Your proud loved ones send their best wishes for
your continued success.**

John Carter Manning, Jr.



*"... never a doubt
in our minds
that you could do
this, John.
Congratulations
on successfully
carrying on the
Manning-VMI
Tradition!"*

Love,
Daddy, Mama, Kathryn, and
James



Bobby

We are so proud of you
We can not ask for a better son.
We love you!
Mom, Dad & Amanda

Erik M. Keirstead '09

Congratulations!

You are on your way!



Love
Mom, Dad
Sarah & Heidi

J. Michael Schroeder



**Congratulations Mike &
Room 225 cadets on
earning your rings!
We are so very proud of you!**

STAY ON GOD'S COURSE.

**Love,
Mom & Dad**

Christopher W. Graff

*Congratulations &
Best Wishes on
all of your
Achievements.
We are all very
proud of you.*



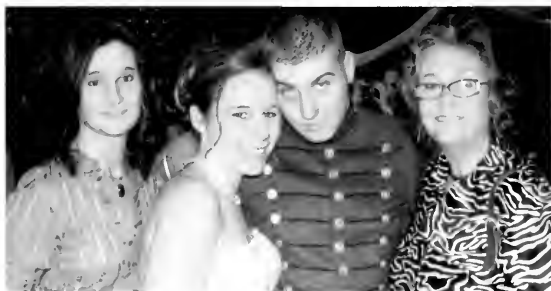
USMC is getting another Good Man!

Love,

***Dad, Elizabeth, Robin, Phillipe,
Jennifer, Alex, Uncle Phil,
Lee & Brenda***



CONGRATULATIONS GUYS!!



**YOUR LADIES ARE ALL SO
PROUD OF YOU, RANDY**

Hank Lee IV Class of 2008



**All of us are very proud of you and your
accomplishments at VMI.
We know you will serve your
nation well in the future.
Love to you from**

Dad, Cindy, & Susannah



Alexander Gray '08

Alexander T. Gray

You did it Alec!
 "The path less traveled"
 was the right one for you.
 There will be many more
 paths ahead of you.
 We know that you will
 choose wisely and meet
 your destiny with "resolve."

Job well done.

Love,

Mom, Dad & Ellis



**Congratulations to Alex
 and all your Brother Rats
 on your Ring Figure!**

Finish Strong!

Love,

Mom and Dad



**CONGRATULATIONS
 JOSHUA KENNY**

The difference between the impossible and the
 possible lies in a person's determination. You
 reached the "Brotherhood of the Ring."

We love you,
 Your Family



David F. Jacobs

**Thank you son for the wonderful journey from
childhood to Manhood and for all the new
adventures to come. Live Life and God bless you.
We are with you all the way and
very proud of you.
All our love,
Mom, Dad & Steven**



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Thanks for all the Guidance!

Tom Louderback & James Lockett



A. Drake Watts II Class of 2008

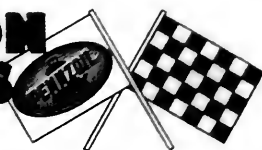
Jacob C. Vishneski

You don't raise
heroes; you raise
sons. And if you treat
them like sons, they'll
turn out to be heroes,
even if it's just in your
own eyes.

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*"Do not despise these small beginnings.
for the Lord rejoices to see the work begin."*
Zechariah 4:10a

We are so proud of you Zipporah! You are one
special lady ... a jewel and a joy. Persevering
through tough times helps prepare you for the
challenges that will be placed before you in
the future.

Congratulations on BREAKING OUT!

Love ya! Mom & Dad. Rebekah. Naomi.
Grandma Gloria Buddy. Aunt Zip and Twyner

*"Trust in the LORD with all your heart. and lean not on your own
understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him. and He shall
direct your paths."* Proverbs 3:5



August 22, 2004

Bryan Eugene Curry, Jr.

VMI 2008

*"Far better it is to dare mighty things,
to win glorious triumphs, even though
checkered by failure, than to take rank
with those poor spirits who neither
enjoy much nor suffer much, because
they live in the gray twilight that
knows not victory nor defeat."*

-Theodore Roosevelt

Bryan

We are so very proud of you!
You did it!!

We love you so very much!

xoxoxo

Dad, Mom & Talia

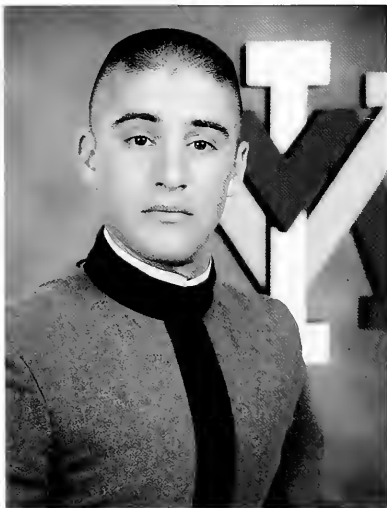


*"If you can imagine it, you can achieve it.
If you can dream it, you can become it."*

-William Arthur Ward



**Best wishes Tom, Kurt, Ira and Drew on earning
your VMI Rings!**
**Your families congratulate you and wish you
continued success at VMI.**



Congratulations Ben
Love Dad, Mom,
Griff & Nick

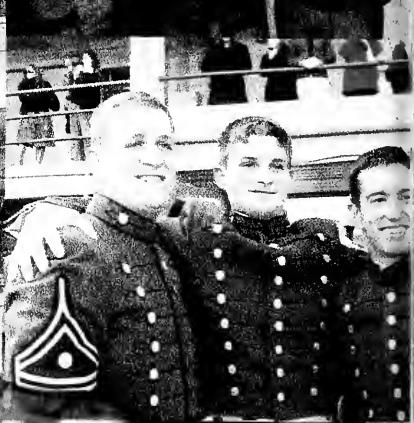
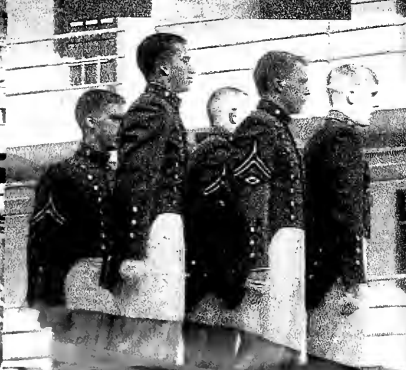
Matthew C. Covalt
Class Of 2011



Congratulations on "Breaking Out"
Romans 5:3-5
Love, Mom, Dad and Heather



Congratulations Barrett **And to the Class of 2009** **Love** **Mom, Dad,** **Drew, Will and Allyson**





Congratulations! Justin, Chris and Vincent

Class of 2009 Ring Figure

**We are proud of you and best wishes
for your continued success.
Welcome to the Brotherhood!**



2011 Cadet Justin Hickman



You have proven that you can do ALL things through Christ which strengtheneth you. Your accomplishments in the classroom and throughout the ratline have been AWE-SOME. Continue to stay focused, be strong, and keep your FAITH in GOD. We all believe that there are many bright days ahead of you at VMI.

We are PROUD of you and love you!

Dad, Mom and Brandon

To Our Grandson who has made us more proud than we thought possible. Since you've been at VMI you've grown into a fine young man. Keep up the good work.

Always remember to keep God in everything you do. He will never leave you or forsake you.

We Love You!
Papa & Mema

FROM: Proud Grandparents
Harold and Ellen Hickman

TO: Cadet Justin Hickman

History abounds at VMI!!!!
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you can write your future.
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and all of your
accomplishments.

Have a great 2008!!!

**USAF LT. PETER E. LEVRANT
VMI '08**

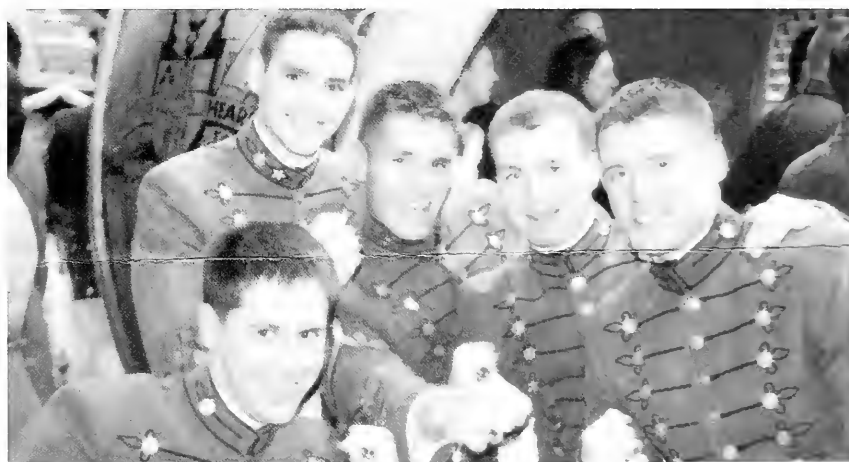


With all these possibilities, who would have
predicted this outcome?

And who knows what may lie in the future.

We're very proud of you and love you!

Mom, Dad, Valerie, Jeff, Katy & S3



RING FIGURE CLASS OF 2009

**Congratulations JED MILLER, DOUG TRASK, IAN WILLIAMS,
DANIEL BREWER and ADAM STEWART.**

You are truly amazing men.

Love and best wishes for your continued success,

Betty and Neil Stewart



**This is how it started
Michael K. Karlson
August 2004**



**This is just the beginning
Michael K. Karlson
VMI Band Co., Class of 2008**

**We are all very proud of you and all of your
accomplishments. The people you've met
and enjoy and the ups and downs.
Through it all you are now a VMI
graduate and an Army 2nd LT.
It doesn't get any better than that.
Congratulations Son!
We love you!**

**Mom, Dad
Aaron and Mellow**

VMI Soccer Class of 2008



Wythe, Steve, John, and Jeremy
Be proud, be happy, and be successful in all you do!
Love,
The Clement Family

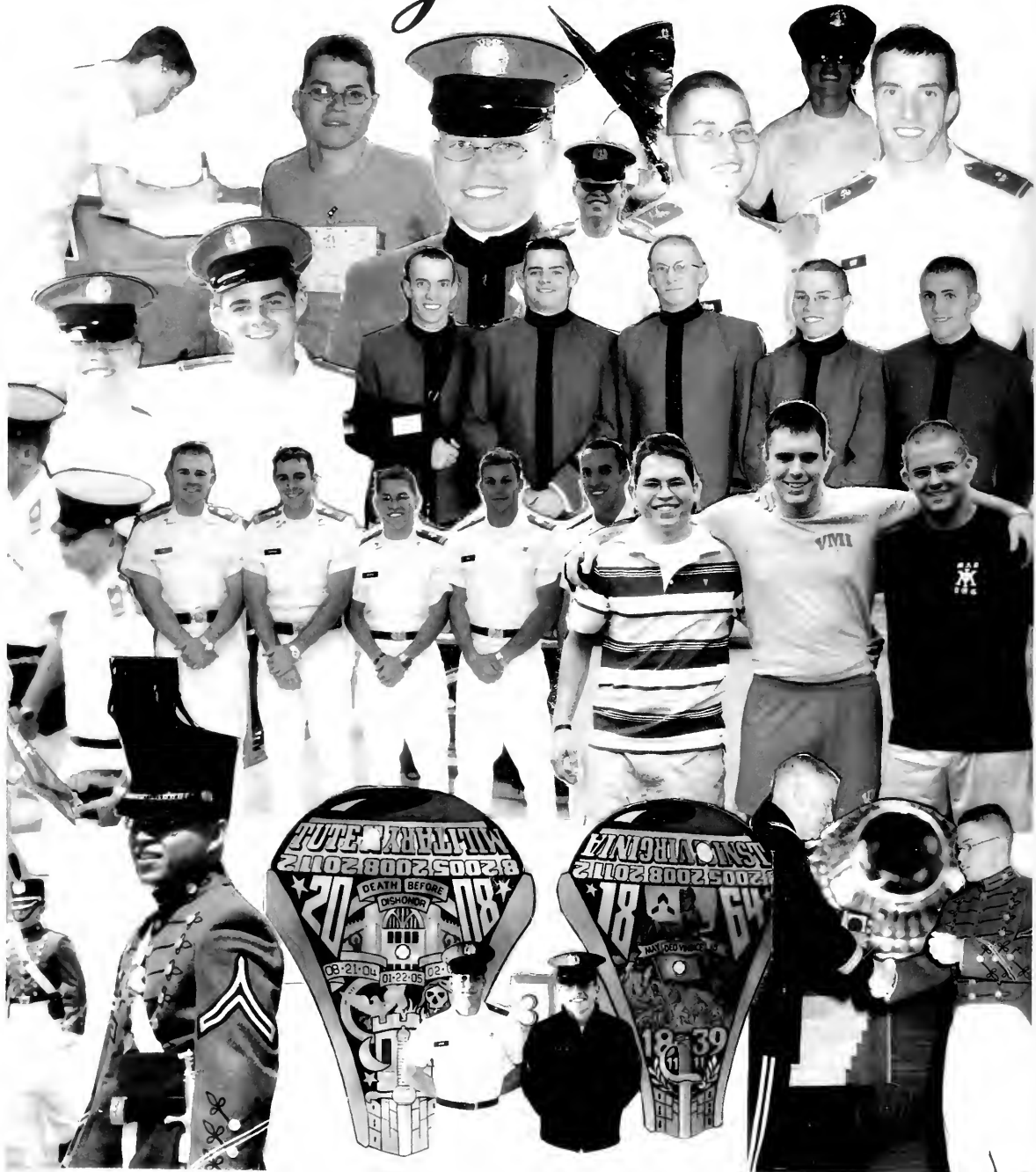
Congratulations Stuart Morton Montgomery VMI Class of 2008

You chose the path and we
are proud of your outstanding
accomplishments.
There must be a beginning of any
great manner, but the continuing
unto the end until it be thoroughly
finished yields the true glory.



Love,
Mom & Dad

Congratulations



and the V. M. I. Class of

Cadet Lt. Mark Parton



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Congratulations to 2 great cadets
and their achievements:

Kai Ingram 2011 and his dyke
Scott Sanders 2008

The Lord your God will be with you
wherever you go.

Congratulations Jesse for a
job well done!



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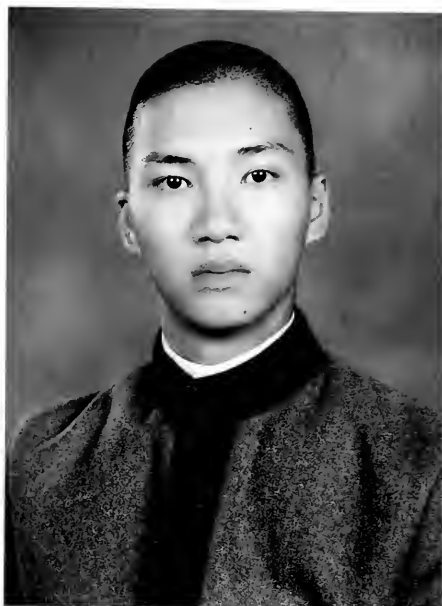
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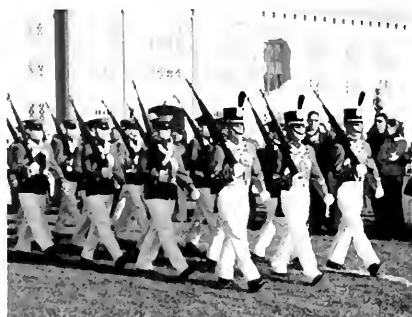
Cadet Vinh Quang Do

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Danny,

We are immensely proud of you and all of your accomplishments. It has been our greatest joy watching you become the man you are today. You never took the easy way but always sought a challenge and fought your way to the top. Graduation from VMI not only means getting a degree, it means so much more. You and your Brother Rats went through the good times and you saw the worst of each other. But you stuck it out and helped each other along the way. You truly have a bond that will last forever; you are the "Band of Brothers." Now as you start your new challenge in life, we know that you will be well prepared to achieve all of your goals. Remember, it is not the critic who counts but the doer of deeds!



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Love
Mom, Dad and Kamala

Jonathan D. Roland '08
From Rat to Second Battalion
Executive Officer to Second Lieutenant US Army



On September 11, 2001, you made a decision to protect this great country of ours. You have stayed true to your promise from a very young 15 year old to a fantastic, mature 22 year old. Your ambition, your drive, and your commitment not only to your country, but those, who have led you down this path, are to be admired, and we as your family do just that.

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Congratulations on your Graduation from V. M. I., and your Commissioning as a 2nd Lt. in the United States Air Force. Much success in your pilot training.

We are so proud of you!

All our Love,
Dad, Mom, Kerry, and Family

“Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you have imagined.”

Dennis E. Harbin, III

Congratulations on your graduation and Commissioning in the United States Navy.

We are so proud of you.

Love, Mom, Dad & Chris



Michael J. Clements



From that fearful first day
to the grand finale
Love, Dad, Mom & Jessica



James Evans Lyne Jr.
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Congratulations Evans
Love Mom, Dad & Chase



CHASE

**YOU DID IT!!!
CONGRATULATIONS-
WE ARE SO PROUD
OF YOU!!!!
MAY GOD CONTINUE
TO BLESS YOU AS YOU
PURSUE HIS PLAN FOR
YOUR LIFE!!**

Congratulations Seth Berkowitz

A good son and brother. A fine student.
A stalwart officer. A talented athlete.
A trusted friend.

Success awaits you.

Love,
Mom, Dad,
Mara, Andrew,
Ana, Matt,
Leah, Larry
and Casey

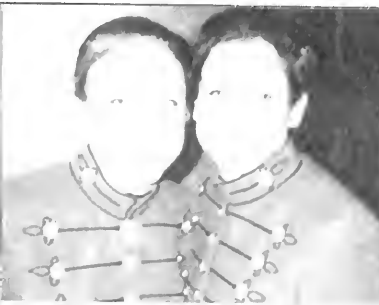


Semper Fi

Congrats to Art and your Brother Rats!!!



Goodbye to VMI and hello to new beginnings!
You have a world to look forward to!!
You worked so hard and now you have made it!!!
With a lot of love, pride and admiration!
Mama, Family and Friends



Congratulations Katie!
Believe & never give up!
 Love, Mom (HBR '10), Dad,
 Brian '10, Kristen and
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Justus Kevin O'Connor

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Hats off to you, Justus!
Well done.

Congratulations!

Love, Dad, Mom and Eleanor



Division I soccer caught your eye...
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Last line of defense opponents would see...
Third in the nation you would soon be...



Drill and Ceremony were your responsibility too...
A march to New Market and the Field of Lost Shoes...



Privileges were earned for this and for that...
A VMI ring and a rat named Kat...



Your family wishes you life long success...
We could never be prouder of our daughter (and sister)...



JESS
Class of 2008



Molly Elizabeth Newton Class of 2008

We are so proud of all
you have accomplished.
Congratulations on your graduation
and commissioning.

Love, Mom and Dad

For Jaime E. Maldonado Class of 2008

Thank God for giving you wisdom, strength and being your support. We are very proud of you. Continue forward with your goal, and Jesus Christ's guidance.

Isa. 45:2-3 "I will go before you..."

Mom, Dad, Jaime and Ben





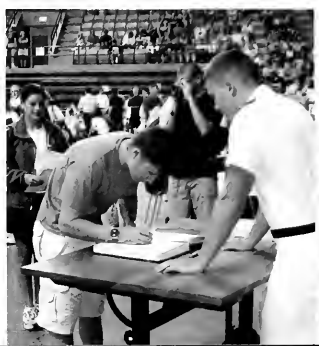
MacKenzie Scott Powers Colella

*Look to the Lord and His strength
seek His face always.
1 Chronicles 16:11*

We Love You and are very Proud of you;
You have kept your focus
and achieved your Dream.

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Dad, Mom, Samantha,
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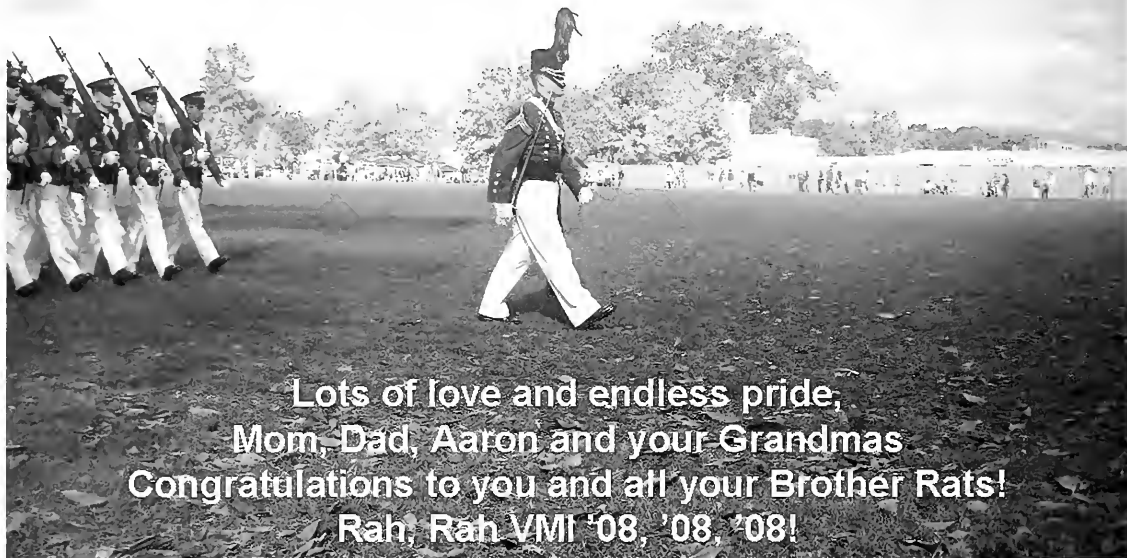


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You took the road less traveled and indeed
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Lots of love and endless pride,
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Rah, Rah VMI '08, '08, '08!



Cadet David James Shedd

Congratulations for a job well done!
We are so proud of you in reaching
this milestone.

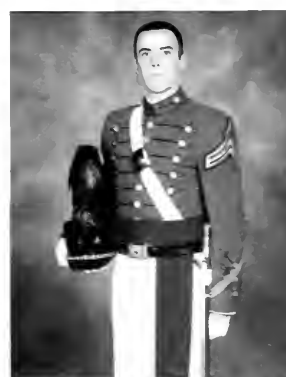
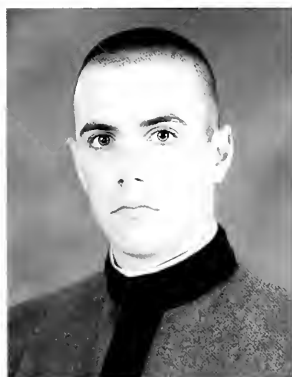
Your Dad and Mom

Isaiah 55: 8 and 9

“For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways,
declares the Lord. As the heavens are
higher than the earth, so are my
ways higher than your ways and
my thoughts than your thoughts.”

JARRETT DOUGLAS MORAN

“Class of 2008”



Congratulations on all of your accomplishments and graduation from VMI! As you continue your journey through life, always remember to set your goals high, follow your heart and may God always be with you. We are so proud of you and love you very much!

Mama, Dad, and Jessica

MICHAEL MOZELLE



FROM AN EARLY AGE WE
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FOR THE ARMY & THE ARMY
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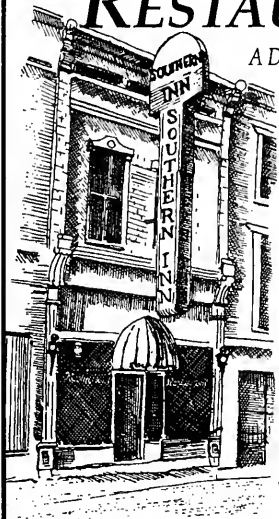
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so proud of the man you've become.
Stay healthy, happy, and above all, safe.

We love you.

-Mom, Dad, Maggie, and Rebecca



**Brandon Thomas Carter
Class of 2008**

You chose the hard road and
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Kevin,
Congratulations on your
accomplishment! We are
so proud of you and
love you! Good luck
to your future
and everything
you have going for
you! Best wishes
Dad & Mom & Kelly

Dear Son,
Congratulations on your great accomplishment
of achieving your goal of becoming a Marine.
We are so proud of you and love you very much.
I think about you often.
Grandma & Grandpa

Kevin,
You did it! You are
feeling very proud of
your and what you have
accomplished. We are
proud of you and
love you very much.
Dad, Mom, Jed & Dani

Jacob Earle Widrick

We are very proud of what
you have accomplished at
VMI. We wish you
continued success as you
commission into The United
States Marine Corps.
We love you very much,
Dad, Mom, Jed & Dani and
Julia



Dear Christopher,

Samuel Johnson, an English author, critic, & lexicographer, wrote: "Few things are impossible to diligence and skill - Great works are performed not by strength, but perseverance".

Christopher, you embody these words. You had a vision as a freshman in high school to attend a military academy and to become a Naval Officer. You were committed from that time, and made it possible through your unwavering diligence, skill, strength, and ... yes, a lot of perseverance. Receiving your degree and being commissioned is a very special accomplishment - you are a wonderful example of what someone can achieve. You have a lot to be proud of and we are very proud of you....our son, brother, grandson, and nephew!

Love Always,
Your family



Erik A. Olson Class of 2008



Congratulations & Much Love,
Dad, Mom, Kirsten, & Kelly

Congratulations Greg!

Graduation Day May 16, 2008

We are so very proud of you!
Now on to the next chapter.

We love you,
Dad, Mom, Hill, Ease, and Bail



Dear Will,

These 4 years at VMI have been amazing and God has been so faithful to mold you into an honorable young man. You are such a blessing and joy to us.

Love,
Mom & Dad
Flathers

Micah 6:8



Congratulations Alexander
& To Your Brother Rats Class of 2009
On All Of Your Accomplishments
And A Great Ring Figure Year!
We Love You, Mom, Drew,
Carson, De De and Grandmommy



Congratulations Jed, your brothers in room C 29 and the class of 2008.

You have taken the road less traveled and succeeded where most would not.
You are men of character. We are proud.

Mom, Dad, Tommy



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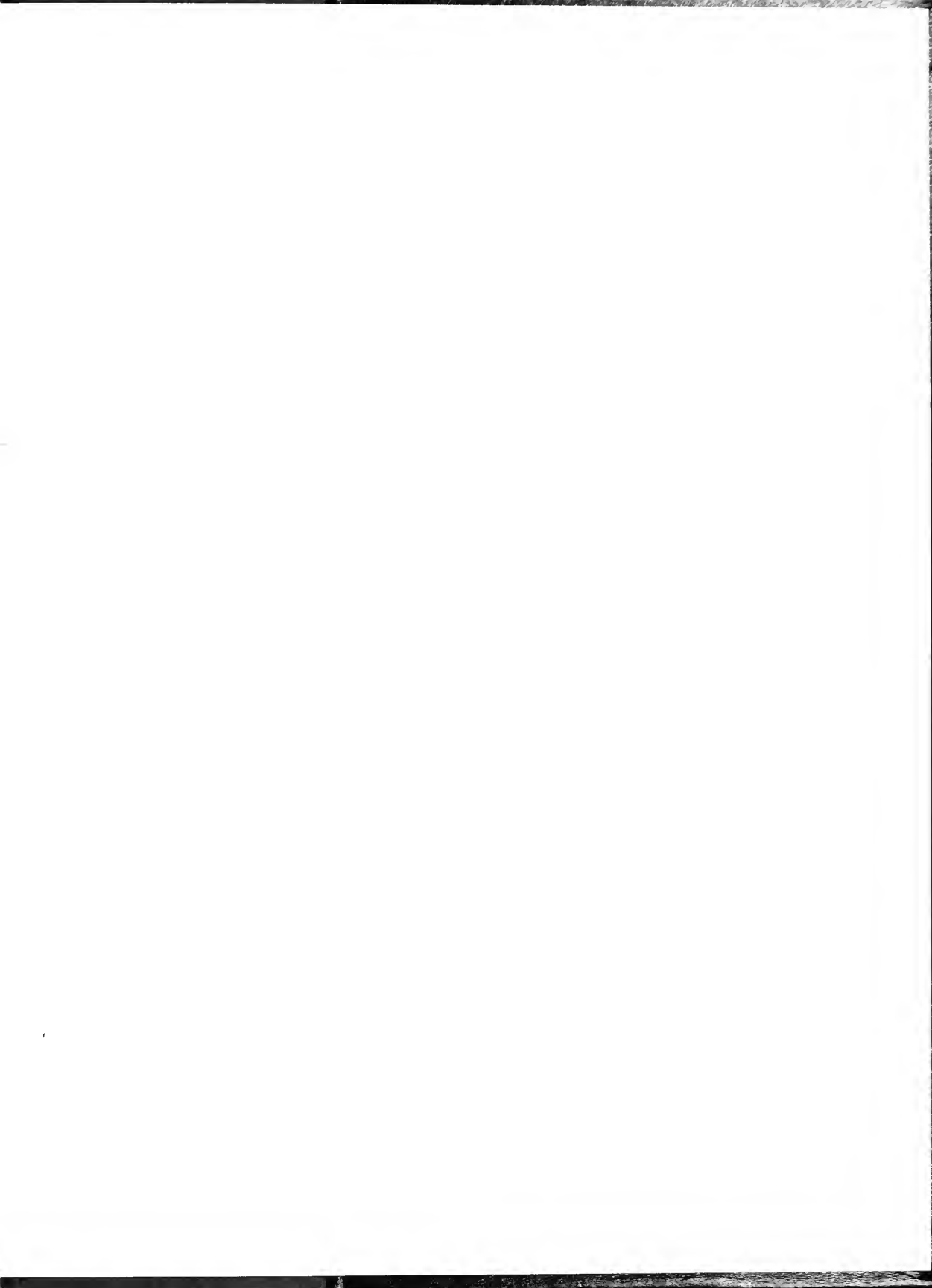
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I hope that this years' publication can shed a good light on this hard place and that everyone - students, family, and faculty can be proud of what they have been a part of. It was my hope to represent my class and my friends in a way appropriate with their four year experience in barracks. I sincerely hope that I have done this for you. The ideas expressed in this book in sections such as histories or organization descriptions are not the opinions of those on the Bomb staff or the Cadet Publications. The ideas expressed convey a cadet's personal experience here or the intent of a particular organization.

This year was full of battles with not only the typical ones with the Institute but as well as with myself. This year brought about a lot of change. I entered this year feeling like I had figured out everything that I needed to finish strong, but as many know, I wound up just as stressed out as I was on matriculation day. This experience provided me with numerous opportunities to improve myself in the way of dealing with stress, aggravation, and in particular, speaking up for myself. I have learned a lot working on the Bomb but I can safely say that I am more than ready to move on. It is not always easy being the four-year private and being heard at the same time, so I am thankful that I had the opportunity to show people that I do have opinions and a mind of my own. I can't say I really wanted that opportunity in the last months of my cadetship as I did, but thank you. I only hope that I have finally been heard, and that some of my words will be taken into consideration. VMI is making progress towards a better future, and I hope you can see that in the cadets as well as in the pages of this yearbook. Here, the road to what is "right" is long, and doesn't always start off that way. Realize that, and please, follow your own advice and be part of the solution, not the problem.



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